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August 20-26,
1982



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by our devotion to mutual

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64th
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The American Legion 1982 Chicago, Illinois Convention Program

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National Commander's Message of Welcome to Delegates and Guests 64th Annual National Convention, Chicago, III.

Welcome once again to Chicago, and to the 64th annual National Convention of The American Legion.

The year now ending has been an immensely challenging and rewarding one for our organization. The challenges have been met with courage and resolve, and we can look back upon this year as one of impressive accomplishment and success.

During this year, America began the long and sometimes painful recovery of its economic and military strength. The nation's youngest veterans finally were assured of the just recognition they deserve for brave and loyal service in a bitter, devisive war. And Americans rekindled their pride in our role as leader of the world's free people. Throughout it all, American Legion interest, support and counsel was decisive.

When some sought to balance the federal budget at the expense of veterans, Legion reaction was immediate and persuasive. We pressed for full funding of all veterans programs, justified as a legitimate cost of war, and saw an acceptable budget emerge.

When the veterans health care system was threatened by delay and suspension, Legion reaction was swift and unequivocable. We fought to see the integrity of the Veterans Administration hospital system preserved, and we will continue as long as threats to it exist.

When America's Vietnam Veterans saw their memorial threatened by discord and divisiveness, Legion reaction was rational and conciliatory. We mediated the differences and helped forge the compromise that allowed construction to begin. We were there with our hearts and our hands, and we gave unselfishly more than \$1 million to see it become a reality.

And when the call went out for this nation's people to once again demonstrate the kind of citizen participation that made America great, the Legion's tradition of voluntary service and commitment was called forth as the example. We met in the highest councils of the land to describe the millions of hours — and dollars — Legionnaires devote each year to their community and their nation. And we pledged our continuing dedication to America's needy, her youth, and her vital institutions.

Because of The American Legion, the American people have come again to realize that this nation is great because of its values and strength. When concerned but misguided citizens cried out for disarmament, when some turned away as the longing for liberty in the hearts of millions was ruthlessly crushed, the majority of Americans joined with



JACK W. FLYNT National Commander

us in demanding the nation's power and influence to be turned once again to the defense of freedom wherever it is threatened in the world.

Americans are gaining a new sense of what it means to be citizens of this nation. We of The American Legion can take immense satisfaction from knowing the effort we have expended this year is being returned in a rebirth of Americanism and pride in the sacred obligation America holds for the world. I am honored and humbled to have had a role in all this, and will always be grateful to each of you for allowing me this opportunity. And I will always remember that I was not alone, that I stood in the company of true patriots each day.

Our record is the result of inspired leadership and total commitment by men and women throughout the Legion who have held steadfast to the ideals and principles upon which this great association was founded. In the years ahead, such leadership and commitment will continue to be America's greatest asset.

As the deliberations of this 64th National Convention get underway, let us remember that our every action is, and should be, for God and Country.

WHERE TO REGISTER AND OBTAIN INFORMATION

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in Chicago for the convenience of conventioneers. You may register for the convention at a fee of \$5.00 per adult.

Booths will be located in the -

Conrad Hilton Hotel

Palmer House

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Booths will operate from 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 19 and daily thereafter from 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. until taken out of service at the direction of the Convention Corporation.

Additionally, conventioneers may register at the Convention Corporation Office, Suite 457, Conrad Hilton Hotel.

All persons (except those under age 12) are to be reminded that the official convention badge or other approved credentials are required to gain entry to the General Convention Sessions.





"WE HELP AMERICA WORK"



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

June 14, 1982

I am honored to extend warmest greetings and best wishes to the American Legion as you gather for your Sixty-Fourth National Convention.

Legionnaires know firsthand how we as a nation have come to earn the peace and freedom we enjoy today. You have personally sacrificed in defense of our cherished rights to ensure that future generations could be spared war and its terrible consequences. Though today we are struggling to through fiscal restraint, I assure you that we basic commitment to provide for the men and women who have answered our nation's call.

You have my best wishes for a productive and enjoyable meeting. I am confident that your Convention initiates another year of invaluable all Americans.

Ronald Reagon



STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SPRINGFIELD 62706

August 20, 1982

JAMES R. THOMPSON

As Governor of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome you to the 64th Annual National Convention. Dear American Legionnaires:

The American Legion can be proud of its steadfast patriotism and loyalty to the foundations upon which this country was built.

On behalf of the more than 11 million people of Illinois, I commend your contributions to the people of America, and offer support in your endeavors of America, and offer support in your upcoming maintain this country's ideals during your upcoming convention.

Again, welcome to Illinois, and the very best to convention. Sincerely all of you.

James K. Thom

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OFFICE OF
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Delegates, Alternates and Guests:

WECOME to Chicago and the great State of Illinois. On this Sixty-fourth Annual Convention of The American Legion, we are proud to have you here. This marks our seventh National Convention. You would think we would be "old pros" by now but each convention is unique, different and a challenge.

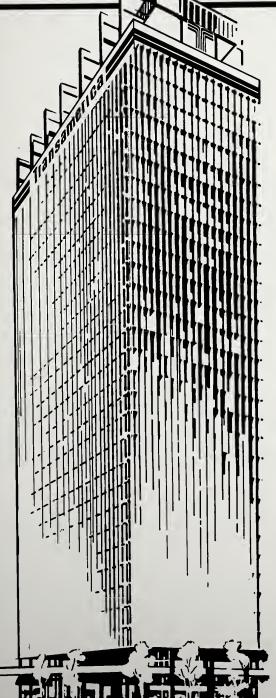
There is something about the City of Chicago that you cannot feel is any other city. To say there is something for everyone is putting is mildly. True, there is something for everyone but I have been in and out of this city all of my life and there are still things to do and places to explore that I have yet to do. There are cities within this city. Everyone knows where Chicago is located. I shall leave it up to the brochures to inform you of the many "sights and sounds" available for your pleasure. It is up to us to see that your stay with us will be as memoriable as possible. We must be doing something right to have you wanting to return so many times.

Again, I say....WELCOME and may you have a productive, successful convention.

Yours in service,

Melvin L. Smith, Commander Department of Illinois

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Occidental Life of California is now called Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company, which reflects our association with Transamerica Corporation, the multi-billion dollar service organization we've been a part of for years.

But this doesn't change our policy towards the American Legion. Or our warm feelings towards you for your commitment to our country's youth. Through Boys State, American Legion Baseball, American Education Week, the National Oratorical Contest and many other organizations, you've provided our young with the opportunity to learn the values of leadership and fair play.

Transamerica Occidental applauds you for your efforts. And we thank you for allowing us to serve your group life insurance needs over the past 24 years.



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Underwriters of the American Legion life insurance plan



JANE M. BYRNE



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

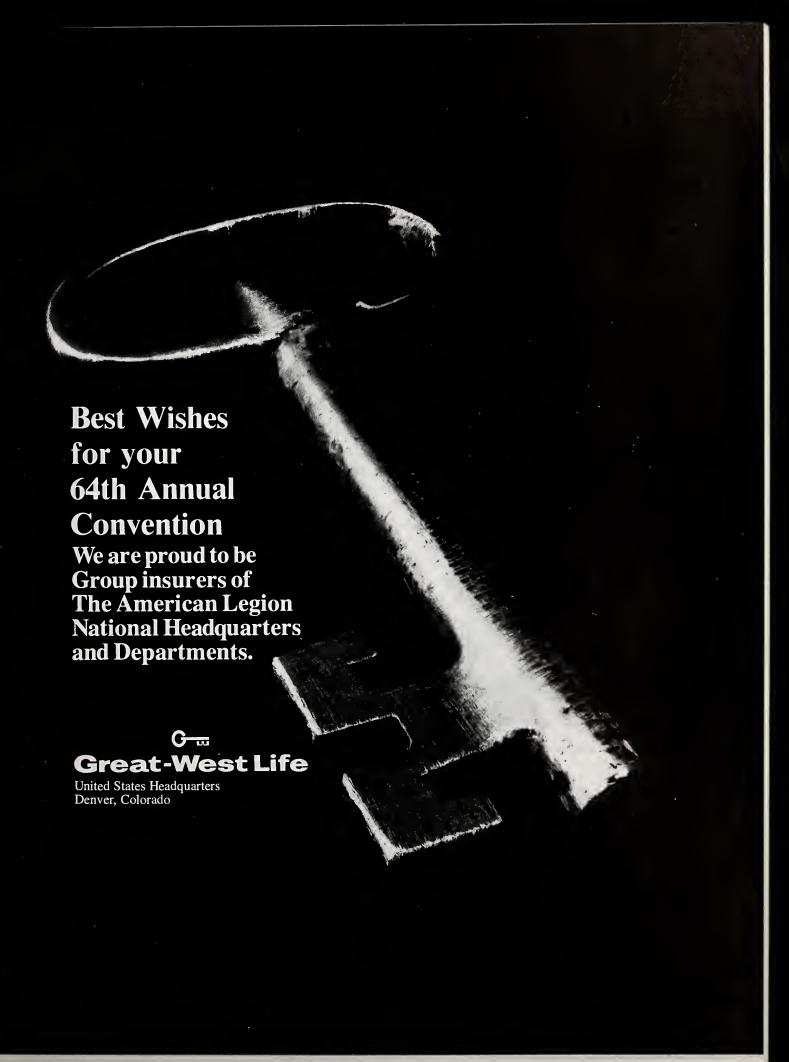
August 20, 1982

Chicago is very proud to host the 64th Annual National Convention of The American Legion, whose members and supporters are dedicated to the founding principles of our country and the interests of millions of service veterans.

I am confident that the vigor and vision of The American Legion will be complemented in our great city, and I know that the hundreds of Legionnaires, delegates and guests will be most welcome in all our fine facilities.

Sincerely,

Mayor







City of Chicago Jane M. Byrne, Mayor

Chicogo Fire Department William R. Blair Fire Commissioner

City Holl, Room 105 121 North LoSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312) 744-4755

Greetings to All American Legion Members:

As Fire Commissioner of the City of Chicago, I extend to you a warm welcome to our beautiful, friendly city.

I am very happy that the American Legion National Convention Corporation of Illinois, again chose Chicago in which to hold your softh Annual Convention because I feel sincerely, that Chicago has more to offer in all areas of human needs and desires, than any other city of earth.

I hope that while nou are here, you find the opportunity to see and enjoy some of the wonderful places available without charge to residents and visitors otike. Of course you are especially invited to visit our Fire Department installations such as the Robert J. Quinn Fire Academy, the Fire Alam Office, our many new and modern Fire Stations, the Fire Boats, and many others.

Anything the Chicago Fire Department can do to make your stay more enjoyable will be done. You have only to ask.

Sincerely,

hm P. Blair William R. Blair Fire Commissioner

WRB/pmm



CITY OF CHICAGO / DEPARTMENT OF POLICE 1121 South State Street Chicago, Illinois 60605

744-4000

JANE M. BYRNE, Mayor RICHARO J. BRZECZEK, Superintendent

Greetings Legionnaires:

The men and women of the Chicago Police Department join me in extending a warm Chicago welcome to the officers and delegates of the National Convention of The American Legion.

We are pleased that once again our city can offer its hospitality to the representatives of your fine organization and tailty to the representatives of your fine organization and their families, and we offer the services of the Chicago their families, and we offer the services of the Chicago their families, and we offer the services of the Chicago their families, and we offer the services of the Chicago their families.

The people of the Chicagoland area respect The American Legion for upholding the principles upon which our nation was founded and for the personal sacrifice of your members who served in and for the personal sacrifice of your members who served in all the personal sacrifications of the military to preserve our precious freedom.

We hope the Convention will be a success and your visit will include enjoying some of Chicago's many summertime attractions.

Best personal regards to all.

Richard J. Brzeczek Superintendent of Police



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Regency Ballroom Foyer — West Tower

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 Hyatt Regency - Chicago Grand Ballroom Foyer - East Tower

MONDAY, AUGUST 23 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 Open: 9:00 A.M. Daily

All locations will have a complete stock of American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary merchandise. Among the many items are shirts, ties, cap insignia, official jewelry, and gift items. American Legion caps for all states will be available at the Conrad Hilton Display ONLY.





BOARD OF CONMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHICAGO 60602

GEORGE W. DUNNE

To the Officers, Dsiegates and Guests 64th National Convention of the American Legion Chicago, Illinois

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the County of Cook, I would like to extend a very warm Chicago welcome to the delegates attending the National Convention of the American Legion.

The Legion has always stood as a symbol of persevsrancs, In both prosperous and difficult times, your ideals have supported the American way of life...freedom, integrity, and loyalty.

As our Nation continues its struggls to prosper, we look to you as a model of man's constant spirit to achieve, and to defend what is right. We, the people of Chicago, saluts you and wish you a successful gathering as you continue to play an integral part in our socisty.

George W. Dunne President

Sincerely,

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Nation's second largest City, we are honored that you have chosen Chicago as the site of your 64th annual national convention.

Netional convention.

We Chicagoans are extremely proud of our City, and we are delighted to have this opportunity to share with you our beautiful parks and lakefront.

During your stay, we invite you to enjoy the floral arrangement of the American Legion Seal which has been placed at the foot of Congress Parkway and Michigan Avenue in recognition of your distinguished gathering.

As General Superintendent of the Chicago Park District, I wish you the most rewarding meeting yet, and hope that your stay in our City is a memorable one.

sincerely,

EDMUND L. KELLY GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Sixty-Fourth Annual National Convention of The American Legion



The fifty-fourth Annual National Convention of The American Legion draws a full house to Chicago's Arie

ion of The Crown Theater. The Chicago meetings were August 18-24, icago's Arie 1972. The sixty-fourth convention marks the return of The American Legion to Chicago.

AGENDA 64TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION THE AMERICAN LEGION CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1982

8:30 a.m. PRELUDE

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
Jack W. Flynt (Texas)
National Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS Double D's Senior Color Guard American Legion Post 180 Milwaukie, Oregon

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM Miss Carolyn S. Finley Houston, Texas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virgini

Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia) *National Chaplain*

PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION

Jack W. Flynt (Texas) National Commander

CALL FOR CONVENTION
Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)
National Adjutant

9:15 a.m.

WELCOME

The Honorable James R. Thompson Governor of Illinois

The Honorable Jane Byrne Mayor of Chicago

Melvin L. Smith, 1981-82 Department Commander The American Legion of Illinois

Nick S. Livas, *President*The American Legion 1982 National Convention
Corporation of Illinois

RESPONSES TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME Jack W. Flynt (Texas) National Commander

9:35 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

Captain Thomas K. Mattingly II, USN Commander, COLUMBIA 4
Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr.
Pilot, COLUMBIA 4

PRESENTATION - Special Recognition Plaques

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)
National Commander

To: Captain Thomas K. Mattingly II, USN Commander, COLUMBIA 4
Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr.
Pilot, COLUMBIA 4

10:05 a.m.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT Jack W. Flynt (Texas) National Commander

10:25 a.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable William J. Casey, *Director* Central Intelligence Agency

10:40 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Distinguished Public Service Award

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)

National Commander

To: The Honorable John G. Tower (Texas)
United States Senator
Chairman, Armed Forces Committee

10:50 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

Mrs. John J. Roethel (Michigan)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

10:55 a.m.

GREETINGS

The Honorable William C. Plowden, Jr. (South Carolina)

Assistant Secretary of Veterans Employment

U.S. Department of Labor
George W. Bentley, *National President*

The Society of American Legion Founders

Bowie K. Kuhn
Commissioner of Baseball

Dominion President
The Royal Canadian Legion

President

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of Convention Committee Reports are subject to change by the Chair.

11:15 a.m.

PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of Honolulu, Hawaii

Host City for the 1981 National Convention

By: Michael J. Kogutek (New York)

Past National Commander

To: Wallace C. S. Young, *General Chairman*The American Legion 1981 National Convention
Corporation of Hawaii

11:20 a.m.

GREETINGS

General Cheng Wei Yuan, Chairman
Vocational Assistance Commission for
Retired Servicemen
Republic of China

General Chong Hwan Kim, ROKA, Ret., *President* The Korean Veterans Association

11:45 a.m.

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Section I

11:55 a.m.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)

National Commander

To: Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia)

National Chaplain

12:10 p.m.

Report of LEGISLATION AND RULES

12:20 p.m.

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Membership Recognition of "WE HELP AMERICA WORK COMMANDERS"

12:35 p.m.

Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS — Section 2

12:55 p.m.

Report of CHILDREN & YOUTH

1:10 p.m.

ADDRESS

Colonel Earl P. Hopper, AUS, Ret. Chairman of the Board National League of POW/MIA Families

SALUTE TO COLORS

RECESS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1982

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
Jack W. Flynt (Texas)
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia) *National Chaplain*

9:05 a.m.

Report of AMERICANISM

9:30 a.m.

GREETINGS

The Honorable Robert P. Nimmo, *Administrator* Veterans Administration

9:50 a.m.

PRESENTATION - Representatives of

The American Legion Youth Programs

American Legion Scout of the Year Timothy P. LaOuerre, Merrimack, New Hampshire

1982 National Oratorical Contest Winner William Kephart, Jr., Chillicothe, Illinois

William Kepnart, Jr., Chillicothe, III

1982 Boys Nation President

1981 American Legion Baseball Player of the Year David Magadan, West Tampa, Florida

10:10 a.m.

PRESENTATION – William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy

By: Jack J. Thennisch, Jr., Vice President
Chicago Manager
Hearst Advertising Service, Inc. Chicago, Illinois

To: Winning Department

10:25 a.m.

PRESENTATION - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)

National Commander

To: Jan C. Scruggs, *President* Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

10:45 a.m.

RESPONSE

Jan C. Scruggs, *President*Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

11:00 a.m.

REMARKS

The Honorable Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (Maryland)

United States Senator

The Honorable John W. Warner (Virginia)

United States Senator

The Honorable Thomas A. Daschle (South Dakota) U.S. House of Representatives

Chairman, Vietnam Veterans in Congress Caucus

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the close of the Convention — upon call of the National Commander.

11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

11:45 a.m.

PRESENTATION – Employer of the Year Awards for Hiring Veterans

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)

National Commander

To: George O. Reinbacher, *Vice President* and *General Manager*, Pope & Talbot, Inc., Eau Claire, Wisconsin

To: Daniel Langfeld, Jr., First Vice President/ Secretary, Inland Manufacturing Company, Omaha, Nebraska

11:55 a.m.

INTRODUCTION — Sons of The American Legion Newly elected National Commander

12:00 noon

Report of FINANCE

12:20 p.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable Alan K. Simpson (Wyoming) United States Senator Chairman, Veterans Affairs Committee

12:40 p.m.

Report of VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION
Claims and Rating
Hospital and Medical Services

1:40 p.m.

Report of ECONOMICS

Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

2:05 p.m.

Report of FOREIGN RELATIONS

2:40 p.m.

Report of CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS RECESS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1982

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jack W. Flynt (Texas) National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia) *National Chaplain*

9:05 a.m.

SEAGRAM POSTS' AWARDS DRAWINGS

9:10 a.m.

Report of NATIONAL SECURITY

Aerospace Defense Civil Preparedness Law and Order Merchant Marine Military Affairs Naval Affairs

10:00 a.m.

ADDRESS

General Edward C. Meyer, USA Chief of Staff

10:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION

The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)

National Commander

To: Tony Fuller, National Correspondent
Peter Goldman, Senior Editor
Representing NEWSWEEK

11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL ADDRESS

11:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER

By: Joe L. Matthews (Texas)

Past National Commander

Clayton C. Mann (Texas)

Past National Executive Committeeman

12:00 noon

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
National Commander

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NATIONAL COMMANDER

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS Five (5) National Vice Commanders

1:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

RESPONSE BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION AUXILIARY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

Senior Color Guard

The First National Bank of Chicago Post No. 985 Chicago, Illinois

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Distinguished Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold P. Acker Huntsville, Texas

Col. Kyoo-Tek, Ahn, Ret.
The Korean Veterans Association

Hon. Gus Alexakos

Mayor of the Town of Cary, Illinois

Lt. Col. Leo Andrew, USA
Office, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (DC)

Jack Atkinson, Vice President
The Bronze Craft Corporation

Chief Memorial Affairs Director Veterans Administration

C. Randolph Beard, Jr., President Annin & Company

George W. Bentley National President The Society of American Legion Founders

George Bignotti
Indianapolis, Indiana

William R. Blair, Fire Commissioner Chicago, Illinois

John A. Blakemore Emory, Virginia

Frank C. Bottigliero, Secretary The American Legion 1982 National Convention Corp. of Illinois

George W. Boucek, General Counsel The American Legion 1982 National Convention Corp. of Illinois

Charles W. Bresloff, Vice President Medallic Art Company

Lawrence H. Brinker, Executive Assistant to the Asst. Secretary for Veterans Employment U.S. Department of Labor

John C. Brogan, Chairman Youngberg-Carlson Company

William H. Browne
Westfield, Massachusetts

Richard Brziczek
Superintendent of Police
Chicago, Illinois

Captain Mark Brzozaoski Department of the Army Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burton Tulia, Texas

> Hon. Jane Byrne Mayor of Chicago

Ben Carleton, Vice President Youngberg-Carlson Company

Alvis B. Carr, Jr., Director VA Medical Center Chicago, Illinois

> Hon. William J. Casey, Director Central Intelligence Agency

James Charleston

General Convention Chairman The American Legion 1982 National Convention Corp. of Illinois

General Cheng Wei-yuan, Chairman Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

John D. Clifford, General Sales Manager St. Regis Paper Company New York City

Steven R. Cohen, Director
Great Lakes Region
United States Office of Personnel
Management

Arthur Collison, Resident Manager
The Conrad Hilton Hotel

Dan Cotter, President True-Value Hardware Chicago, Illinois

Ms. Joyce Curry
Inter-Governmental Liaison
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. State Department

Dr. Donald L. Custis
Chief Medical Director
Veterans Administration

Robert F. Cutler
Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc.
Tampa, Florida

Hon. Thomas A. Daschle (South Dakota)
United States House of Representatives
Chairman, Vietnam Veterans in Congress
Caucus

Robert Dauner, Director of Incentive Sales
Hyatt Corporation
Chicago, Illinois

Lt. Commander Cheire Davis
DOD Coordinator
Public Affairs Officer, Naval Training Center
Great Lakes, Illinois

Earl B. Dickerson Chicago, Illinois

George W. Dunne, President
Board of Commissioners of Cook
County Illinois

Fred E. Ellis Harlingen, Texas

Richard J. Elrod Sheriff Cook County Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Sandie Fauriol, Campaign Director Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. Washington, D.C.

John R. Fears, Director
Edward Hines, Jr., VA Medical Center
Hines, Illinois

Lt. John Fee Chicago Police Department

Mrs. A. B. Fennell Columbia, South Carolina Gurnett E. Ferguson St. Louis, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin G. Finley Plano, Texas

Miss Carolyn Sue Finley Houston, Texas

David A. Fleet, Executive Vice President Leavens Manufacturing Company Skokie, Illinois

E. Wayne Flynt Tulia, Texas

Captain and Mrs. Jack W. Flynt, II K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Michigan

Robert C. Flynt Farmington, New Mexico

Harry L. Foster San Diego, California

Michael R. Frost, Director
Workforce Effectiveness & Development
Group
Office of Personnel Management (DC)

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Colonel Earl P. Hopper, AUS, Ret. Chairman of the Board National League of POW/MIA Families

Grady Horton, Director VA Regional Office Chicago, Illinois

Hans Hover, Vice President
The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York

Ronald Hughes, General Manager Palmer House

Mrs. Miriam Junge, National Secretary American Legion Auxiliary

John F. Kaslaitis, Vice President Customer Sales and Service Lehigh Kansas Color

Frank R. Kelley
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

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Private Dining Room 2, 3rd Floor
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Chairman: Daniel J. O'Conner
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Aug. 20, 9:00 a.m.
Private Dining Room 5, 3rd Floor
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Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Private Dining Room 1, 3rd Floor
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Chairman: Eugene V. Lindquist
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Aug. 21 and 22, 9:00 a.m.
Parlor 414, 4th Floor
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Aug. 21-26, inclusive, 9:00 a.m. Parlor 412, 4th Floor Conrad Hilton Hotel Chairman: Richard H. Klinge Seattle, Washington

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Aug. 22, 9:00 a.m.
Lower Summit Room, 27th Floor
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Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Private Dining Room 3, 3rd Floor
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Chairman: Frank A. Kelly
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Aug. 20, 9:00 a.m.
Private Dining Room 8, 3rd Floor
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Aug. 21 and 22, 9:00 a.m.
Private Dining Room 10, 3rd Floor Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Clayton C. Schlick
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Aug. 21-26, 9:00 a.m.
Parlor 556, 5th Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Churchill T. Williams
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Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.Private Dining Room 5, 3rd FloorConrad Hilton HotelChairman: Harold E. HeinlySanta Ana, California

Foreign Relations Commission:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Williford Room, Parlor A, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Dr. Robert P. Foster
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Internal Affairs Commission:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Bel Air Room, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: James P. Dean
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Membership and Post Activities Committee:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Astoria Room, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Edward T. Pendarvis
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Legislative Commission:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Parlor 415, 4th Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Clarence M. Bacon
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National Security Commission:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Waldorf Room, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
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Public Relations Commission:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.Lower Summit Room, 27th FloorConrad Hilton HotelChairman: William M. DetweilerNew Orleans, Louisiana

Resolutions Assignment Committee:

Aug. 19-22, inclusive, 9:00 a.m.
Parlor 534, 5th Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Alex M. Geiger
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The American Legion Magazine Commission:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Private Dining Room 4, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Milford A. Forrester
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Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission:

Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Beverly Room, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: William F. Lenker
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Screening Committee:

Aug. 20-21, 9:00 a.m.
Private Dining Room 9, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel

The Select Committee on Special Problems of the VA&R Program:

Aug. 20, 2:30 p.m.
Private Dining Room 10, 3rd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Aug. 23, 4:00 p.m.

Williford Room, Parlor C, 3rd Floor Conrad Hilton Hotel Chairman: National Commander Jack W. Flynt, Dimmit, Texas

S.A.L. MEETINGS

11th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(Executive Committee)
Aug. 20, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Boulevard Room, 2nd Floor
Conrad Hilton Hotel

11th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(General Sessions)
Aug. 21, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
Aug. 22, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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MEETINGS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairman.

(All Committee and Subcommittee meetings will be held at the CONRAD HILTON HOTEL.)

Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

Americanism

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #2, 3rd Floor

Baseball and Recreation Subcommittee

August 22, 9:30 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #5, 3rd Floor

Education & Scholarship Subcommittee

August 22, 9:30 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #8, 3rd Floor

Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee

August 22, 9:30 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #9, 3rd Floor

Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee

August 22, 9:30 a.m.

Parlor 513, 5th Floor

Youth Activities Subcommittee

August 22, 9:30 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #2, 3rd Floor

Children & Youth

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #1, 3rd Floor

Constitutional Amendments

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Parlor 419, 4th Floor

Credentials & Internal Affairs

Sections I & II

Credentials & Other Internal Matters

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Bel Air Room, 3rd Floor

Membership

Section III

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Astoria Room, 3rd Floor

Economic

Employment & Veterans Preference

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #4, 3rd Floor

Other Economic Matters

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Private Dining Rm. #3, 3rd Floor

Finance

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Lower Summit Room, 27th Floor

Foreign Relations

August 22 & 23, 9:00 a.m.

Williford Room, Parlor A, 3rd Floor

(Five (5) Subcommittee Rooms, August 23):

General Foreign Policy

Treaties & Agreements

Williford Room, Parlor A, 3rd Floor

African Affairs

Parlor 413, 4th Floor

Inter-American Affairs

Parlor 512, 5th Floor

Far Eastern Affairs

Parlor 556, 5th Floor

Middle Eastern Affairs

Parlor 557, 5th Floor

Legislation & Rules

August 22, 9:00 a.m.

Parlor 415, 4th Floor

National Security Committee Joint Meeting

(Aerospace, Defense Civil Preparedness,

Merchant Marine, Military Affairs,

Naval Affairs and Law & Order)

August 22-23, 9:00 a.m.

Waldorf Rm., 3rd Floor

Aerospace

August 22, 10:00 a.m.

Parlor 545, 5th Floor

Defense Civil Preparedness

August 22, 10:00 a.m.

Parlor 546, 5th Floor

Merchant Marine

August 22, 10:00 a.m.

Parlor 547, 5th Floor

Military Affairs

August 22, 10:00 a.m.

Waldorf Rm., 3rd Floor

Naval Affairs

August 22, 10:00 a.m.

Parlor 523, 5th Floor

Law & Order

August 22, 10:00 a.m.

Parlor 522, 5th Floor

National Security Committees Joint Meeting

August 24, 9:00 a.m.

Waldorf Room, 3rd Floor

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Claims & Rating and Hospitals & Medical Services (Joint Meeting)

August 22, 9:00 a.m. Beverly Room, 3rd Floor Hospitals & Medical Services

August 22, 9:30 a.m.

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Private Dining Room #8 (3rd floor)
Saturday, August 21 - 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

FODPAL BREAKFAST MEETING

Conrad Hilton Hotel
Private Dining Room #2
Monday, August 23 - 7:30 A.M.

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Conrad Hilton Hotel
Parlor #513
Breakfast
Monday, August 23 - 7:30 A.M.

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Conrad Hilton Hotel
Grand Ballroom
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Monday, August 23 – 11:30 A.M.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORLD WAR NURSES REUNION

Palmer House Hotel Dining Room #9 Sunday, August 22 - 10:30 A.M.

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Palmer House Adams Ballroom (6th Floor) Installation Dinner Saturday, August 28 - 7:00 P.M.

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Bismarck Hotel August 20 Bivouac — 9:00 A.M. Medill Room Banquet — 7:00 P.M. Maximillan I & II

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Conrad Hilton Hotel Williford Room, Parlor C Breakfast Meeting Sunday, August 22 - 7:30 A.M.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATES DINNER

Hyatt Regency Hotel Grand Ballroom Wednesday, August 25 - 8:00 P.M.

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Monday, August 23
Executive Board Breakfast —
Private Dining Room #4 — 8:00 A.M.
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- Region 2 New Jersey (Host Department), Delaware, District of Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia - October 15-17, 1982. The Deauville, Atlantic City, New Jersey (Single \$50.00, Double \$50.00). For reservations from New Jersey call 800-582-7605. From most other states call 800-257-8525.
- Region 3 North Carolina, (Host Department), Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, and Tennessee - September 10-12, 1982. Holiday Inn - Woodlawn, Charlotte, North Carolina (Single \$37.00, Double \$42.00). For reservations telephone (704) 525-8350. Cut-off for reservations is August 10, 1982.
- Region 4 Louisiana (Host Department) Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas - October 1-3, 1982. Capitol House, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (Single \$36.00, Double \$44.00). For reservations call (504) 383-7721. Cut-off for reservations is August 1, 1982.

- Region 5 Ohio (Host Department), Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin - September 24-26, 1982. University Hilton Inn, Columbus, Ohio (Single \$35.00, Double \$41.00). For reservations call (614) 267-7461. Cut-off date for reservations is September 3, 1982.
- Region 6 Minnesota (Host Department), Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota -September 17-19, 1982. Marriott Hotel, Bloomington, Minnesota. (Single \$39.00, Double \$44.00). For reservations telephone (612) 854-7441. Cut-off date for reservations is September 3, 1982.
- Region 7 California (Host Department), Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah -September 24-26, 1982. Dunfey San Mateo Hotel, San Mateo, California. (Single \$48.00, Double reservations telephone (415) \$48.00). For 573-7661. Cut-off date for reservations is August 27, 1982.
- Region 8 Washington (Host Department), Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Wyoming - September 10-12, 1982. Red Lion Inn, Bellevue, Washington. (Single \$45.00, Double \$55.00). For reservations telephone (206) 455-1300. Cut-off date for reservations is August 23, 1982.

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Legionnaires were saddened to learn of the deaths of three members of The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Illinois in the past several months. All were active in the planning for the 64th National Convention. Albert J. Swiderski was President of the Corporation and member of the Board of Directors. Eric H. Smith was Vice President of the Corporation and a

member of the Board of Directors and was Chairman of the National Convention Commission at the time of his death. Charles Gibbons was serving as Assistant Secretary of the Corporation and Chairman of the Transportation and Tour Convention Committee. Their individual contributions to The American Legion will be long remembered. May they rest in peace.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
- 2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.
- 3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.
- 4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under such special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
- 5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
- 6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
- 7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
- 8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.
- 9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.

- 10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
- 11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.
- 12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the convention.
- 13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.
- 14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.
- 15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National Officers shall be by roll call.
- 16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
- 17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.
- 18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.
- 19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

- 20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice-Commanders.
- 21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

- 22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.
- 23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.
- 24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.
- 25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.
- 26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.
- 27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and

- transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.
- 28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

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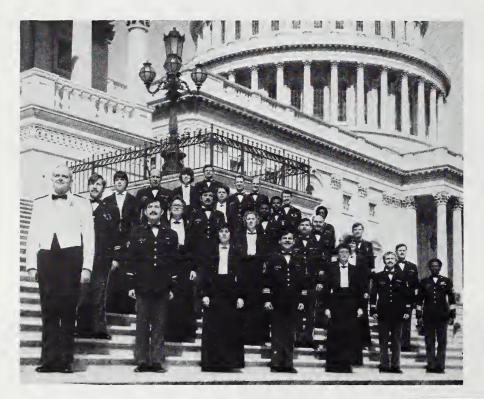
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PROCESSIONAL

(audience standing)

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

(audience standing)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(audience standing)

INVOCATION (audience standing)

EDWARD KILE, Department Co-Chaplain

The American Legion, Illinois

CALL TO WORSHIP (audience standing)

REV. ROBERT AUGUSTINE, Co-Chaplain Memorial Service Chairman

The American Legion, Illinois

MUSICAL SELECTION

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

I Peter 2:11-17 by REV. CHARLES RICE, JR. Department Chaplain, New York, The American

Legion

II Chronicles 7:12-18 by Fr. GARY GUMMERSHEIMER

National Chaplain, Sons of The American Legion Romans 10:1-12 by REV. GEORGE R.M. RUMNEY

National Chaplain, The American Legion

HYMN (audience standing)

"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"

MEMORIAL PRAYER

MRS. ARTHUR F. HRABAK, National Chaplain

American Legion Auxiliary

MUSICAL SELECTION

MEMORIAL MESSAGE

REV. GEORGE R.M. RUMNEY, National Chaplain

The American Legion

HYMN

"America, The Beautiful"

PLACING OF MEMORIAL WREATHS

(audience standing)

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TAPS (audience standing)

BENEDICTION (audience standing)

REV. CHARLES HUBBARD, Department Chaplain

The American Legion, Texas

RETIRE THE COLORS (audience standing)

RECESSIONAL (audience standing)

USHERETTES: Joliet Firebirds Drill Team

BUGLER: Members of American Legion Band

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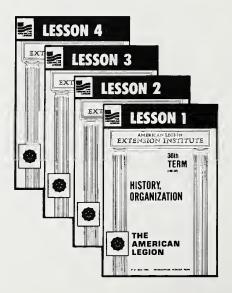




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** Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.
Ohio 1920-21

*** John G. Emery Michigan 1921

* Hanford MacNider lowa 1921-22

*Alvin M. Owsley Texas 1922-23

* John R. Quinn California 1923-24

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

*John R. McQuigg Ohio 1925-26

* Howard P. Savage

* Edward E. Spafford New York 1927-28

* Paul V. McNutt Indiana 1928-29

*O. Lee Bodenhamer Arkansas 1929-30

> * Ralph T. O'Neil Kansas 1930-31

* Henry L. Stevens, Jr. North Carolina 1931-32

* Louis Johnson West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

*Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. California 1934-35

> * Ray Murphy lowa 1935-36

* Harry W. Colmery Kansas 1936-37

* Daniel J. Doherty Massachusetts 1937-38

* Stephen F. Chadwick Washington 1938-39

* Raymond J. Kelly Michigan 1939-40 *Milo J. Warner Ohio 1940-41

*Lynn U. Stambaugh North Dakota 1941-42

> * Roane Waring Tennessee 1942-43

*Warren H. Atherton

* Edward N. Scheiberling New York 1944-45

> * John Stelle Illinois 1945-46

* Paul H. Griffith Pennsylvania 1946-47

* James F. O'Neil New Hampshire 1947-48

> Perry Brown Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr. Georgia 1950-51

Donald R. Wilson West Virginia 1951-52

*Lewis K. Gough California 1952-53

* Arthur J. Connell Connecticut 1953-54

* Seaborn P. Collins New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner Michigan 1955-56

> Dan Daniel Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Presion J. Moore Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally New York 1959-60

William R. Burke California 1960-61

Charles L. Bacon Missouri 1961-62 * James E. Powers Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson Iowa 1964-65

L. Eldon James Virginia 1965-66

John E. Davis

William E. Galbraith Nebraska 1967-68

William C. Doyle New Jersey 1968-69

J. Milton Patrick Oklahoma 1969-70

Alfred P. Chamie California 1970-71

John H. Geiger

Joe L. Matthews Texas 1972-73

Robert E. L. Eaton Maryland 1973-74

James M. Wagonseller Ohio 1974-75

> Harry G. Wiles Kansas 1975-76

William J. Rogers

Robert Charles Smith Louisiana 1977-78

> John M. Carey Michigan 1978-79

Frank I. Hamilton Indiana 1979-80

Michael J. Kogutek New Yark 1980-81

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS BY VOTE OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

* Bennett Champ Clark Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus March, 1919

* Milton J. Foreman
Illinois — Chairman, Executive
Committee at Paris

* Henry D. Lindsley Texas — Presided at St. Louis caucus May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

* Eric Fisher Wood Pennsylvania — Temporary Chairman and Secretary at Paris caucus

*Thomas W. Miller Nevada — Chairman Pro Tempore Paris Caucus March 1919

> * Maurice Stember New York

Hamilton Fish, Sr. New York

HONORARY NATIONAL COMMANDERS

- *General John J. Pershing
- * Marshal Ferdinand Foch
 - * Deceased
- ** Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander
- *** Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term.

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Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis
1929

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Gen. George C. Marshall

Adm. Ernest J. King

Hon. Frank Knox (Posthumously) — 1944

Henry Ford

Gen. H. H. Arnold 1944

President Franklin D. Roosevelt (Posthumously) — 1945

Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. (Posthumously) — 1945

> Ernest (Ernie) Pyle (Posthumously) — 1945

Hon. Henry L. Stimson 1945

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz 1945

> Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower 1945

> > J. Edgar Hoover

Bob Hope 1946 William Randolph Hearst

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Sen. Edward Martin

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson

President Harry S. Truman 1949

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> Maj. Gen. Frank Parker (Posthumously) — 1949

Charles F. Johnson, Jr.

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord

Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers

Gen. Charles P. Summerall

Rep. Royal C. Johnson (Posthumously) — 1953

Maj. Gen. George A. White (Posthumously) — 1954

Dr. Jonas E. Salk 1955

Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh 1955

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Gen. Mark W. Clark

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> Pat O'Brien 1976

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DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Five winners of the Mr. District Commander competition will be presented plaques by National Commander Flynt during the 64th Annual National Convention in Chicago. These five District Commanders placed first in their category in the Mr. District Commander competition. The first place awards went to the District Commander in each category with the greatest percentage of increase over the final 1981 district membership as of May 3, 1982. The five winners are:

CATEGORY I - Orval Wright, District 7, Dept. of Utah, 142.42%

CATEGORY II - Mannie Ruiz, District 11, Dept. of New Mexico, 110.50%

CATEGORY III – Lionel A. Morais, District 9, Dept. of Massachusetts, 107.70%

CATEGORY IV - Albert Cooper, District 12, Dept. of Florida, 103.19%

CATEGORY V - Gene Bosben, District 16, Dept. of Florida, 103.29%

These five District Commanders and their spouses will be the guests of National Commander Flynt for seven (7) days and six (6) nights as distinguished guests at the 64th Annual National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. The Commanders' and their spouses' transportation, housing and tickets to the National Commander's Banquet will be provided by National Commander Flynt as a reward for their outstanding leadership as District Commanders for 1982.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

National Commander Flynt will present three Department Commanders with a 10 karat gold ring for their outstanding membership accomplishments for 1982. Mr. William Bishop, Department Commander of Alaska; Mr. Robert W. Sowerby, Department Commander of Florida and Douglas W. Henley, Department Commander of Maryland will receive the all-time high Department Commander's ring for establishing a new all-time high membership for 1982 at least 30 days prior to the National Convention.

These are the only three Department Commanders that qualify at printing time for this award, however, there is a possibility other Department Commanders will qualify before July 21, 1982.

Department Commanders who qualified for '82 "We Help America Work" honors by leading their respective Department to 100 or more points during this 1981-82 American Legion year under a scoring system set up by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee are pictured elsewhere in this National Convention Program.



FIRE SAFETY IN HOTELS

Hotel fires and how to survive have become important to all of us. In view of this we invite you to read some of the points that the experts have deemed quite important.

- 1. Check the exits. Walk down the corridors to locate fire exits near your room. Count the doorways or the steps you need to take between your door and the exit. Avoid using the elevators in case of a fire.
- 2. Check your room. Know the layout. This could be the best place and only safe place in the event of a fire. Put your hotel key near you when you are asleep. Never leave your room without your key. Try the windows. How do they open?

Check the locks on your door for operation. Look out your window to determine possible escape routes.

- 3. If the fire is in your room report it to the Fire Department. Try to put the fire out but if you have any doubts as to your ability to put it out by yourself get out and close the door behind you. Sound the alarm. Awaken others.
- 4. If your door is hot or smoke is dense in the hallways, stay in your room. Open the window slightly to vent the room if there is smoke. Let someone know that you are in the room. If the phone works, call for help. If your bathroom has a fan, turn it on. Fill the bath tub with water. The water may be needed to combat the fire and smoke. Put wet towels and sheets around doors and cracks if smoke seeps in. Remember that you can use the ice bucket to bail water. If your room becomes untenable, you may be forced to make for the nearest exit. Keep low to the floor to avoid breathing in the smoke.
- 5. Keep cool. Have an escape plan and adapt it to the emergency. You will thus increase your chance of survival. Your life and possibly the lives of others depends upon your actions or inaction.

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BASEBALL



David Magadan West Tampa, Florida Player of the Year

SCOUTS



Timothy LaQuerre
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Scout of the Year

ORATORICAL



William Kephart
Chillicothe, Illinois
Winner, National High School
Oratorical Contest

BOYS NATION



Joseph M. Wiegand Palatine, Illinois Boys Nation President

THE NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION FIELD SERVICE

Since 1921, The American Legion has been represented by a group of "trouble shooters" known as National Field Representatives. Unofficially, the National Field Service has been referred to as "The Eyes and Ears of The American Legion."

The number of National Field Representatives varied from the original 14 Liaison Representatives, appointed in 1921 and assigned to each of the 14 district offices of the old Veterans Bureau. After World War II, the number of National Field Representatives reached the high of 22. At present, this vital service of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission consists of a Chief of Field Service, and 5 National Field Representatives, all of whom are headquartered at the Legion's Washington office. They function as part of the Commission's Division and are engaged in rehabilitation matters on a full time schedule, each spending approximately 16 to 18 weeks per year in the field.

The National Field Representatives make periodic visits to some 80 VA hospitals each year for the purpose of evaluating the quality of service provided veteran patients.

They also visit domiciliaries, VA nursing care homes, contract nursing care homes, and residential care homes as required or requested.

Visitation reports containing statistical and narrative summaries are written on each visit and are submitted, through the office of the Director, to the Veterans Administration, Department officials and Senate and House Committees on Veterans Affairs. These reports always contain recommendations for improving some function or procedure in the operation of VA facilities. The independent evaluation of the VA medical care program provided by the National Field Service has proven to be a major asset to The American Legion in efforts to assist veterans.





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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

1982

Hyatt Regency-Chicago Chicago, Illinois

THEME: "DEMOCRACY IN ACTION"

Saturday, August 21, 1982

3-4:30 p.m.

Pre-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting,

Regency Ballroom A

Sunday, August 22, 1982

8-10:45 a.m.

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

Group A – Toronto Room

Americanism Foreign Relations National Security

Group B - Regency Ballroom D

Children and Youth

Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation

Education Girls State

Group C - Belmont Room

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Cavalcade of Memories

Junior Activities Public Relations

Group D - Regency Ballroom C

Legislative

Past Presidents Parley

Poppy

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Group E – Gold Coast Room

Chaplains

Community Service

Historians

Group F — Water Tower Room

Constitution and Bylaws

Permanent Organization

Rules

Group G - Acapulco Room

Membership

Group H - Buckingham Room

Credentials

Group I - New Orleans Room

Resolutions

Group J - Atlanta Room

Finance

8:30-10:45 a.m.

Pages Rehearsal - Regency Ballrooms A & B

Patriotic Memorial Program, Conrad Hilton Hotel

Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor

2 p.m.

11 a.m.

National Convention Parade

Monday, August 23, 1982

8-10:30 a.m.

Divisional Caucuses:

Central Division — Regency Ballroom A
Eastern Division — Regency Ballroom B
Northwestern Division — Regency Ballroom C
Southern Division — Regency Ballroom D
Western Division — Columbus Hall E & F

10-11:45 a.m.

National Junior Conference - Toronto Room

Monday, August 23, 1982 OPENING SESSION 12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Charles Gill

National Convention Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCESSIONAL

Mrs. Charles Gill

National Convention Chairman

ORDER OF PROCESSIONAL

Past National Presidents National Officers National Colors National President

PRESENTATION OF 1981-1982 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Charles Gill

National Convention Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. John J. Roethel National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Arthur F. Hrabak National Chaplain

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. James E. Starr

National Americanism Chairman

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Mrs. William Calder

National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

WELCOME

Mrs. John J. Roethel National President

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. Nick S. Livas

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Mr. Jack W. Flynt
National Commander

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Honorable James R. Thompson

Governor of Illinois

THE CITY OF CHICAGO

The Honorable Jayne Byrne

Mayor of Chicago

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Mrs. Clarence W. Kates, President

Department of Illinois

Mrs. Charles Gill

National Convention Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Walter Stolte National Vice President

Division National Vice Presidents

Mrs. Clyde Knox, Central Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson, Eastern Mrs. Else Daniels, Northwestern Mrs. Myra J. Hester, Southern Mrs. Frank C. Thomas, Western

Mrs. Arthur F. Hrabak, National Chaplain Mrs. Frank B. Bradley, National Historian Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield, National Treasurer Mrs. Miriam Junge, National Secretary

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Walter Stolte National Vice President

GREETINGS FROM THE PAST

Mrs. Lyle Seymour

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Junior Past National President

GREETINGS FROM THE

Mrs. Norton H. Pearl

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN

National Parliamentarian

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PAGES

Mrs. Lloyd Light, Chairman of Pages Mrs. Julia Markezich, Vice Chairman of Pages Mrs. William Van Coverden, Personal Page Mrs. William Pflugrad, Personal Page Mrs. Fred Spies, Personal Page Mrs. James Watts, Personal Page

Mrs. E. E. Mason, Personal Page to National Secretary

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

General Richard L. Lawson, USAF Chief of Staff, SHAPE

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS

Mrs. John Meyer, Chairman

RULES

Mrs. Franklin D. R. Cline, Chairman

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Gerald Casey, Chairman

REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN **NATIONAL HISTORIAN** NATIONAL SECRETARY **NATIONAL TREASURER**

Mrs. Arthur F. Hrabak Mrs. Frank B. Bradley Mrs. Miriam Junge Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield

"DEMOCRACY IN ACTION FOR OUR COUNTRY"

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Mrs. James E. Starr, Chairman Mrs. John W. Boam, Chairman Mrs. Ted Galka, Chairman

Mrs. Ernest Bradshaw, Sr., Chairman Mrs. Edward Wellman, Chairman

Recess — 4:30 p.m.

National President's Candidate Reception Regency Ballrooms A & B National Officer Candidates' Reception Regency Ballrooms C & D

Tuesday, August 24, 1982 — 8:30 a.m.

8:30-8:45 a.m. - Navy Band Concert

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. John J. Roethel National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Arthur F. Hrabak National Chaplain

NOMINATIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS 1982-1983 "DEMOCRACY IN ACTION FOR OUR YOUTH"

Children and Youth

Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation

Education
Girls State

Junior Activities

Mrs. John J. Adams, Chairman

Mrs. Lyle Seymour, Chairman Mrs. Edward Yankovich, Chairman

Mrs. H. B. Behrend, Chairman

Mrs. Richard Paul, Chairman

FIRST READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

INTRODUCTION OF CONVENTION

COMMITTEES

Mrs. Charles Gill

National Convention Chairman

Recess - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 24, 1982 — 2 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. John J. Roethel National President

"Challenge of Pro on the Go"

Mr. Art Holst Ex-NFL Official

"DEMOCRACY IN ACTION FOR OUR VETERANS"

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Poppy Legislative Past Presidents Parley

Past Presidents Parley
Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Mrs. Thomas Gear, Chairman
Mrs. Jack Smith, Chairman
Mrs. Robert Melgard, Chairman
Mrs. Forl P. Bigolovy, Chairman

Mrs. Earl B. Bigalow, *Chairman* Mrs. Otis Simmons, *Chairman*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Recess — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 25, 1982 — 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. John J. Roethel National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Arthur F. Hrabak National Chaplain

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Mrs. John J. Roethel

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

"PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY IN ACTION"

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. William Coulson, Chairman

GOLDEN MIKE AND GOLDEN PRESS AWARDS

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES FINANCE

Mrs. William Calder, *Chairman* Mrs. J. Howard McKay, *Chairman* Mrs. A. J. Ryan, Sr., *Chairman*

GREETINGS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER — 1 p.m.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Walter Wild Andrews, Chairman

RETIREMENT OF DEPARTMENT COLORS

Recess — 4 p.m.

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6:30-7:45 p.m.

8 p.m.

Head Table Reception, Columbus Hall I, J, K, & L States Dinner, Grand Ballroom



The First Lady received a plaque on behalf of her husband from National President Mrs. Romaine Roethel in special ceremonies in the East Room of the White House. Mrs. Roethel and the American Legion Auxiliary recognized President Ronald Reagan for his "efforts to generate the

spirit of patriotism and volunteerism in America." Accepting the award, Mrs. Reagan referred to her husband as "being on location in the oval office," a term frequently used in his earlier career. (Official White House Photograph)

Thursday, August 26, 1982

8:30-10:15 a.m.

10:30-11:45 a.m.

10:45-11:45 a.m.

1:30-3 p.m.

Installation of National Officers for 1982-1983 Grand Ballroom

Post-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting Columbus Hall K & L

Post-Convention Membership Meeting Columbus Hall I & J

Division Meetings

Central — Columbus Hall I & J
Eastern — Columbus Hall K & L
Northwestern — Water Tower Room
Southern — Toronto Room
Western — Columbus Hall H

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

NATIONAL CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Maxine Gill

NATIONAL CONVENTION VICE CHAIRMAN Mrs. Lucille Acklin

NATIONAL CONVENTION SECRETARY

Mrs. Shirley Jones

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EIGHT AND FORTY

Mrs. Maxine Martin, Chairman Mrs. Virginia Kates, Vice Chairman

EXHIBITS

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

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INFORMATION

Mrs. Blanch Zimmer, Chairman Miss Marybeth Spano, Vice Chairman

LOST & FOUND AND MAIL ROOM

Mrs. Margaret Eckhardt, Chairman Mrs. Anna Mae Mann, Vice Chairman

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

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PAGES

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POPPY PLATES — 1982-1983

Mrs. Audrey Atteberry, Chairman Mrs. Helen Malanoski, Vice Chairman

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Mrs. Kinga Gulczynski, *Chairman* Mrs. Ruby Simpson, *Vice Chairman*

STAGE & DECORATIONS

Mrs. Virginia Topolski, Chairman Mrs. Waneta Szalaj, Vice Chairman

STATES DINNER

Miss Florence Banach, Chairman Mrs. Leona Best, Vice Chairman

TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. Pat Hein, *Chairman*Mrs. Bernadette Schwab, *Vice Chairman*

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PALMER HOUSE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 26, 27, and 28, 1982

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

NATIONAL OFFICERS



Mrs. Harry R. Russell Le Chapeau National



REGISTRATION



Mrs. James C. Malone
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

Saturday, August 21, 1982 – Headquarters Suite, Salon National	1 .
Monday, August 23, 1982 – Headquarters Suite, Salon National	1.
4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M	1.
Friday, August 27, 1982 — At entrance to the meeting hall	
Saturday, August 28, 1982 — At entrance to the meeting hall	1.
Guest Registration will also be accepted during these hours	
Thursday, August 26, 1982	
PRE-MARCHE POUVOIR	1.
PRE-MARCHE COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
PARLOR A	
Constitution & Bylaws — Chairman Mrs. Kathryn C. Kucera	
Credentials — Chairman, Mrs. David Cusick	
Resolutions — Chairman Mrs. Harry Stephens	Л.
PARLOR B	
Rituals and Emblems — Chairman Mrs. Leonard S. Swanson	Λ.
Rules and Order — Chairman Mrs. Geraldine Connolly	1.
Handbook Review — Chairman Mrs. James W. Collins8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.	1.
PARLOR F	
Permanent Organization — Chairman Mrs. Jerri Ritenour	Л.
Children & Youth and NJH Liaison — Chairman Mrs. J. R. Williams,	
Mrs. Mary Figenbaum, Mrs. Valdo E. Hemmerle	Л.
PARLOR G	
L'Aumonier – Mrs. Joseph Mardu	Л
L'Archiviste – Mrs. Chris Schweitzer	
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PARLOR H Number Scholarship Chairman Mrs. Albort Whoma	1
Nurses Scholarship — Chairman Mrs. Albert Ybarra	
Trophies and Awards — Chairman Mrs. Lola Matuska	/1.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES RECEPTION ADAMS BALLROOM — 10:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Friday, August 27, 1982

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES - 10:00 A.M.

Northwestern Division Parlor A	Western DivisionParlor G
Southern Division	Central DivisionParlor H
Eastern Division Parlor F	

REHEARSAL LES MARECHALS AND PAGES

Mrs. Herbert Robinson, La Concierge, Mrs. A. P. Genta, Chairman of Pages, and Distinguished Guest Committee, and all pages.

Adams Ballroom — 11:00 A.M.

LA MARCHE NATIONALE ADAMS BALLROOM

ADAMS BALLROOM		
OPENING SESSION 1:30 P	.M Friday, August 27, 1982	
PROCESSIONAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS, CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS Mrs. Elmer Martin, La Marche Chairman Presiding CALL TO ORDER Mrs. Harry Russell, Le Chapeau National ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS Mrs. Herbert Robinson, La Concierge National And Les Marechals, Mrs. Mabel King	GREETINGS Mrs. Elmer Martin, Chairman, 1982 La Marche Nationale Mrs. Maxine Gill, National Convention Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary The Honorable James R. Thompson, Governor of Illinois The Honorable Jane Byrne, Mayor of City of Chicago Mr. Mel Smith, Department Commander, The American Legion, Department of Illinois	
and Mrs. Marie Michael INVOCATION	Mrs. Clarence Kates, Department Or Innois Mrs. Clarence Kates, Department President, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois Mrs. Swen Thompson, Le Chapeau Departemental de Illinois	
La Concierge Nationale THE NATIONAL ANTHEM	Mr. Nick S. Livas, President of 1982 National Convention Corporation, The American Legion INTRODUCTION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES Mrs. Harry Kehm	
Le Divisional Demi Chapeau National, Central Division AMERICA'S ANSWERMrs. Mary Nichols Palena Le Divisional Demi Chapeau National, Western Division ROLL CALLMrs. James C. Malone, La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale READING OF CALL TO 1982 MARCHE NATIONALE REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE FOR THE 1981 MARCHE NATIONALEMrs. James W. Collins Mrs. Edwin H. Keefe Mrs. James C. Gleason	Mrs. Walter Davol Mrs. Robert Haws Mrs. Dee P. Davis Mrs. Valentine Delles Mrs. Ray A. Stratton Mrs. E. Harvey Keefe Mrs. James Michelet Mrs. Herman Edwards Mrs. William McKinley Mrs. Premo O. Kelly Mrs. James C. Gleason	

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RECESS				
SECOND SESSION OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE				
	Friday, August 27,	1982 — 7:30 P.M.		
	INVOCATION			

GREETINGS:

Mr. Jack Flynt, National Commander, The American Legion

Mrs. John Roethel, National President, The American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Walter Stolte, National Vice President, The American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Melvin Junge, National Secretary, The American Legion Auxiliary

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Mrs. Helen Adams, National Children and Youth Chairman, The American Legion Auxiliary

Mr. Eugene Lindquist, National Children and Youth Chairman, The American Legion REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND INTRODUCTION OF REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN Nurses ScholarshipMrs. Albert Ybarra, Chairman

RECESS

THIRD SESSION OF LA MARCHE NATIONALE

Saturday, August 28, 1982 — 8:30 A.M.

Pathway to Heaven PRELUDE PROCESSIONAL		
PRAYERSOLO — "IN THE GARDEN"	L'Aumonier National	
Eulogy with love in memory of Mrs. Madeleine Swanner		
TRIBUTE TO ALL DECEASED PARTNERS	By Mrs. E. Harvey Keefe, Chapeau National PasseMrs. Harry Russell, Le Chapeau National	
TRIBUTE TO DECEASED PARTNERS ENTERING ETER LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX	NAL REST 1981-1982	
Central Division Southern Division Western Division Northwestern Division		
BENEDICTION		
RECESSIONAL		
REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES	Mrs. Mae Wilson, Kentucky	
Credentials		
RegistrationMrs. Jean Hayes	Mrs. Beatrice McCorkell, New Jersey	
Resolutions	PRESENTATION OF PERSONAL PAGES — To Le	
ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR	Chapeau National, Mrs. Edith Carellas, New Mexico,	
1982-1983	Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California	
PRESENTATION OF	To La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale, Mrs. Melvin Pfohl,	
LES MARECHALS	Florida	
Mrs. Marie Michael	RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS OF LES DIVISIONAL	
PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES	DEMI CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX	
Mrs. A. P. Genta – Chairman	REPORT OF JUDGE OF	
Miss Virginia Wilson – Vice Chairman	ELECTIONSMrs. Betty Lou Thompson, Illinois	
Mrs. Caroline Coleman, New Mexico	UNFINISHED BUSINESS PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS	
Mrs. Pauline Dryland, Wyoming Mrs. Lois Walker, Vermont	FOR 1982-1983	
POST MARCHE POUVOIR		

SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES

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PERSONAL PAGES TO LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL

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Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California

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Mrs. Melvin Pfohl, Florida

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS

Mrs. Betty Lou Thompson, Illinois

LES MUSICIENES

Mrs. John Meyer, Illinois (Banquet) Mrs. Arnold Chesack, Illinois Miss Rose Marie Loparco, Illinois

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LES MUSICIENES

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SESSIONS: All sessions, including those of the National Executive Committee, will be conducted in the Boulevard Room, Second Floor, The Conrad Hilton Hotel.

REGISTRATION: National Convention Delegate and Alternate registration will be conducted in the Boulevard Room during the times prescribed in the National Convention Agenda.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1982

1:00 P.M. REGISTRATION OF NATIONAL CON-VENTION DELEGATES AND ALTER-

NATES BEGINS
3:00 P.M. N.E.C. MEETING (PRE-CONVENTION

MEETING)

CALL TO ORDER - David P. Stephens

(IN), National Commander HAND SALUTE TO COLORS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Fr. Gary P. Gummer-

sheimer (IL), National Chaplain PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE S.A.L. ROLL CALL – Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY),

National Adjutant

OTHER OPENING BUSINESS

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES:

Children and Youth Commander's Advisory Commander's Project

Committee to Investigate a Paid Employee

Convention Committee
Insurance Committee
Membership Committee
SAL Grave Marker
SAL Color Guard
SALutations
50th Anniversary

REPORTS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS:

Americanism
Community Affairs
Energy
Finance
Internal Affairs

Internal Affairs Legislative Public Relations Rehabilitation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS GOOD OF THE S.A.L.

BENEDICTION - Fr. Gary P. Gummer-sheimer (IL), National Chaplain

ADJOURNMENT - David P. Stephens (IN),

National Commander

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1982

8:00 A.M. DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00 A.M. 11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

CALL TO ORDER - David P. Stephens (IN), National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE National Adjutant
OPENING REMARKS —
David P. Stephens (IN),

INVOCATION - Fr. Gary P. Gummer-

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

ROLL CALL - Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY),

sheimer (IL), National Chaplain

David P. Stephens (IN National Commander

OF THE S.A.L.

WELCOME — Timothy Donovan, Illinois Delegation Chairman (1981-1982 Detachment Commander of Illinois)

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE AND RULES COMMITTEE — Section 1, Rules Report SALUTE TO COLORS

RECESS

1:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - David P. Stephens (IN), National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

ROLL CALL – Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY), National Adjutant

NOTE: During the Convention sessions, various addresses will be given

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Thomas Boyer (MD), National Vice Commander

John Keys (KY), National Vice Commander

William Verhelst, Sr. (OH), National Vice Commander

Patrick Ahern (CO), National Vice Commander

Eugene Sacco (CA),

National Vice Commander Gary P. Gummersheimer (IL),

National Chaplain David P. Stephens (IN), National Commander

REPORTS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES:

Credentials - Preliminary Report

Americanism

Constitutional Amendments

Finance

Internal Affairs

Legislative and Rules - Section II,

Legislative Membership Rehabilitation 50th Anniversary

Other Remaining Committee Reports
PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL HISTORY

CONTEST AWARDS — Thomas J. Ward (NJ), National Historian

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE -

Final Report for 1st Session SALUTE TO COLORS

RECESS

AREA CAUCUSES

5:30 P.M. 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1982

8:00 A.M. 9:00 P.M. REGISTRATION OPENS REGISTRATION CLOSES

CALL TO ORDER - David P. Stephens (IN),

National Commander SALUTE TO COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Fr. Gary P. Gummersheimer (IL), National Chaplain

ROLL CALL – Joseph A. Paviglianti (NY), National Adjutant

NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE – Conducted Fr. Gary

Gummersheimer

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE -

Final Report

PRESENTATIONS TO NATIONAL

COMMANDER

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FOR THE GOOD OF THE S.A.L.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS —

Election of National Officers National Commander

National Vice Commanders (5)

National Chaplain

BENEDICTION

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

N.E.C. MEETING — Post Convention (following conclusion of National Convention)

CALL TO ORDER — Newly Elected National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION - Newly Elected National

Chaplain

ROLL CALL - National Adjutant

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTED NATIONAL OFFICERS — National

Commander nominates and N.E.C.

approves

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL N.E.C.

COMMITTEES

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENEDICTION - Newly Elected National

Chaplain

2:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL

CONVENTION PARADE



DAVID P. STEPHENS National Commander



JOSEPH A. PAVIGLIANTI National Adjutant

NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER Thomas Boyer (MD)
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDERJohn H. Keys (MD)
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER William Verhelst (OH)
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER Patrick Ahern (CO)
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER Eugene Sacco (CA)
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN
NATIONAL JUDGE ADVOCATE Kent Breedlove (IN)
NATIONAL HISTORIAN
NATIONAL SGT-AT-ARMS Edward Fischer (PA)
SGT-AT-ARMS EMERITUS Jesse Curtis (MD)

PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

1968	Michael Seaton (CA)
1969	
1970	
1971	J. R. Stillwell (IL)
1972	John Smolinsky (MA)
1973	Robert Faust (CA)
1974	
1975	Gregory Reis (IL)
1976	Grant Jamieson (MI)
1977	
1978	. John M. Sherrard (CA)
1979	Richard Kepler (TN)
1980	Ernest Wilson (NJ)
1981	Donald Wilson (PA)



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These are the Commanders who led their respective Departments to 100 or more points during this 1981-82 American Legion year under a scoring system set up by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee. Departments earned points by meeting specified membership goals on target dates during the year and by chartering new American Legion Posts.



M. Julian Indiana



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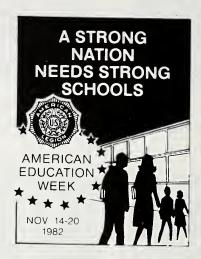
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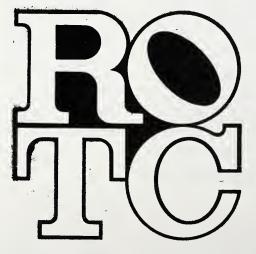


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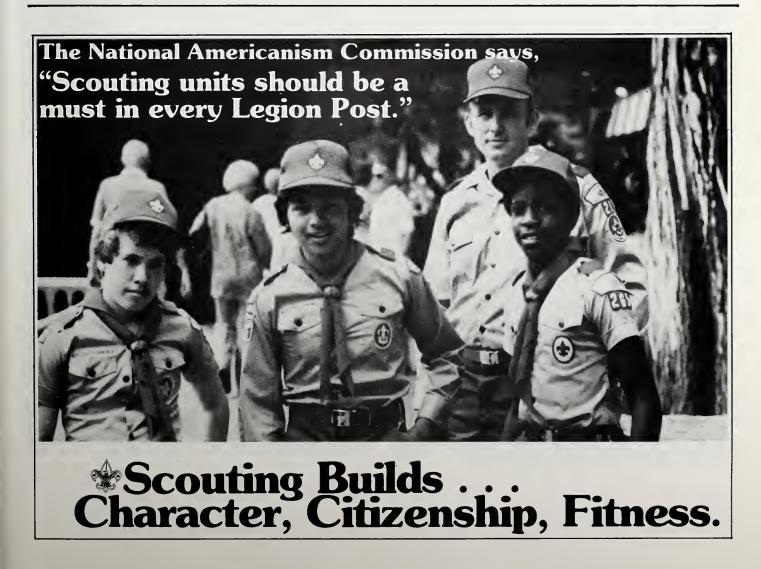
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The American Legion Salutes Outstanding Students At Military Academies 1982



The American Legion honored two Midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy as there was a tie between two for the award. National Vice Commander David A. Wade of Maryland present a wrist watch to Doman O. McArthur of Riverside, California.



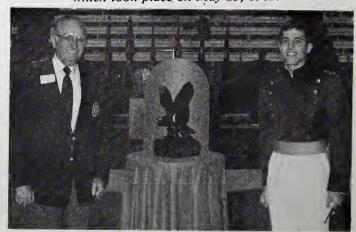
Cadet James H. North, Jr., Hazelton, Pennsylvania, is the recipient of The American Legion Award at the United States Military Academy. National Vice Commander Melvin "Doc" Simon of Vermont makes the presentation.



National Vice Commander Frank T. Markovich of Missouri presents The American Legion Award to Cadet Kevin M. O'Day of Greenville, Rhode Island, at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The Awards Ceremony was held on May 18, 1982.



The co-winner from the U.S. Naval Academy, Kevin A. Boreen of Oak Harbor, Washington, is pictured above receiving The American Legion award from National Vice Commander David A. Wade of Maryland, in ceremonies which took place on May 25, 1982.



Cadet First Class Glenn E. James of Budd Lake, New Jersey, of the United States Air Force Academy received The American Legion Award for outstanding scholastic achievement from National Vice Commander Percy C. Miller of Tennessee.

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The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Illinois and The American Legion expresses thanks and appreciation to Rear Admiral James H. Flatley, III, the Parade Deputy

Grand Marshals, the DOD Coordinator and the Project Officers for their cooperation and contributions towards the success of the 64th Annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Parade Information

The American Legion 64th National Convention

DATE: Sunday, August 22, 1982

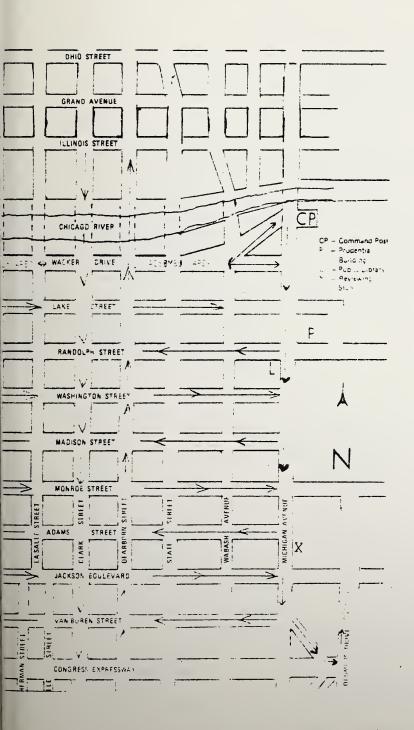
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

FORMATION AREA: See Attached Map

ROUTE: On Michigan Avenue, from Wacker Drive, south to Van Buren Street, then east to disbanding area.

REVIEWING STAND: On west side of Michigan Avenue immediately south of Art Institute.

DISBANDING AREA: On Columbus Drive north from Congress Parkway.



PARADE ORDER

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE

Sunday, August 22, 1982 2:00 p.m.

GRAND MARSHAL

Rear Admiral James H. Flatley, III
Commander
Naval Training Center
Great Lakes, Illinois

HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

Michael J. Kogutek 61 Leonard St. Lackawanna, NY 14218

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS

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Maj. Gen. Ted W. Sorensen 5734 Harvey Street LaGrange, Illinois 60525 Maj. Gen. Jack M. Frisbie, USMCR John Nuveen & Co., Inc. 209 South LaSalle St. Chicago, Illinois 60604

Rear Admiral Richard A. Bauman Chief of Office of Navigation United States Coast Guard Washington, D.C. 20593

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COORDINATOR

Lt. Com. Cheire Davis Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Illinois 60088

PARADE CHAIRMAN

Alexander J. McCabe 10545 S. Christiana Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60655

PARADE VICE CHAIRMEN

Donald Altman 1411 W. Hollywood Chicago, Illinois 60660 James Blaha 10207 W. 151st Street Orland Park, Illinois 60462 Richard Hannemann 39 Ott Avenue Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

PARADE ORDER

The official parade of the 64th National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

- 1. TIME: (All times in these orders are Central Daylight Time.)
 - (a) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point" (corner of Michigan Avenue and Wacker Drive) promptly at 2:00 P.M., Sunday, August 22, 1982, regardless of weather.
 - (b) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the Parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Timetable, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Adjutant and to the Department Parade Chairmen. A meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 2:00 P.M. SATURDAY, August 21, 1982, in the Williford Room, Parlor C, (3rd Floor) Conrad Hilton Hotel.
 - (c) A liaison man (PAL) has been assigned to each Department by the Parade Committee. This liaison man will contact each Department well in advance of the parade and offer every assistance.
 - (d) A Parade Official will meet his assigned division at the assembly area following unloading. He will, with the assistance of the liaison man who has been assigned to the Department, direct the buses toward the route to the disbanding area.
 - (e) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. PROMPTNESS IN ARRIVAL AT THE ASSEMBLY AREA IS MANDATORY.
- 2. ROUTE: On Michigan Avenue south from Wacker Drive to Van Buren Street, east on Van Buren Street to disbanding area.

3. ASSEMBLY AREA:

- (a) On Wacker Drive west from Michigan Avenue to Franklin Street. (Refer to attached map)
- (b) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Saturday, August 21 at 2:00 P.M.
- (c) Signs carrying Department name will designate the head of each Department assembly point.
- (d) Floats will be assembled in the same general area of each of the Department areas.

4. ORGANIZATION

- (a) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a parade official. The composition of these Divisions, order of March and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map supplied to the Department Parade Chairmen.
- (b) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
- (c) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:
 - (1) MASSED COLORS: Eight (8) abreast
 - All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.
 - (2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.
 - (3) BANDS and DRUM CORPS: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.
 - (4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof, and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" sticker on the windshield.
 - (5) No maneuvers except for a forward movement THIS IS A MUST. All violators will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

(d) DISTANCES:

(1) Between Divisions30 yards(2) Between Departments20 yards(3) Between elements of a Department10 yards

5. DISBANDING AREA:

The Disbanding Area is on Columbus Drive north and south.

6. OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:

The official reviewing stand will be located on the west side of Michigan Avenue opposite the Art Institute.

Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right).

Warning signs at 400 and 200 feet will inform all units of the distance to the reviewing stand.

7. ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:

- (a) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1982 Convention Corporation.
- (b) With exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:
 - (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
 - (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
 - (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
 - (4) Female impersonators.
 - (5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.
 - (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
 - (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising material, either from floats or by marching units.
- (c) Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. FIRST AID STATIONS:

First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area at intervals along the line of march and at the disbanding area.

9. PARKING OF CHARTERED OR POST BUSES:

After unloading at the assigned assembly area, buses will proceed to the assigned disbanding area. The liaison official (PAL) will meet his assigned delegation at the disbanding area and will conduct it to its parked bus or buses. (Personal belongings and all equipment must be removed from the buses when unloading at the assembly area.)

MARCH ORDER

Assemble at 2:30 P.M. 23. Wisconsin

ESCORT DIVISION

Assemble at 1:00 P.M. Departure at 2:00 P.M.

- A. ESCORT
- *B. HONORARY MARSHAL
- *C. GRAND MARSHAL
- *D. HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL
- *E. DEPUTY GRAND MARSHALS
- *F. DOD COORDINATOR

*Bus transportation for dignitaries will be provided and will depart from the Eighth Street entrance of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. This bus will depart at precisely 1:15 P.M. and will be taken by police escort to the proper parade assembly area.

I DIVISION

Assemble at 1:00 P.M.

1. The American Legion 1981 National Championship Band

2. National Colors and 1981 National Championship Color Guard

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from the Eighth Street entrance of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. This

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11. The American Legion 1981 National Championship Chorus, Junior

police escort to the proper parade assembly area.

- G. UNITED STATES ARMY
- H. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
- I. UNITED STATES NAVY
- J. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
- K. UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
- L. NATIONAL GUARD
- M. UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE
- N. UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

3. National Commander, The American Legion

5. National President, The American Legion Auxiliary 6. National Secretary, The American Legion Auxiliary

*4. National Officers, The American Legion

*8. Society of The American Legion Founders

9. The American Legion Youth Awards Winners

*7. Past National Commanders

10. Sons of The American Legion

13. Seagram Posts Entry

Canada

Panama Philippines Mexico France

Italy

15. Florida

Color Guard and Firing Squad

12. The American National Red Cross

14. Foreign and Outlying Departments

IV DIVISION

III DIVISION

Assemble at 3:00 P.M.

30. Idaho

24. Maine25. Minnesota

26. Kansas

27. Montana

28. Colorado

29. Wyoming

- 31. North Dakota
- 32. Missouri
- 33. West Virginia
- 34. Indiana
- 35. Pennsylvania
- 36. South Dakota

V DIVISION

Assemble at 3:30 P.M.

- 37. Arizona
- 38. California
- 39. New Hampshire
- 40. Puerto Rico
- 41. Delaware
- 42. Louisiana
- 43. Texas

VI DIVISION Assemble at 4:00 P.M.

- 44. Connecticut
- 45. North Carolina
- 46. New Jersey
- 47. Iowa
- 47. Iowa 48. Michigan
- 49. Massachusetts
- 50. Oregon

VII DIVISION

Assemble at 4:30 P.M.

- 51. Rhode Island
- 52. Washington
- 53. Oklahoma
- 54. Arkansas
- 55. South Carolina
- 56. Tennessee
- 57. New York

VIII DIVISION Assemble at 5:00 P.M.

- 58. Utah
- 59. Mississippi
- 60. Kentucky
- 61. Georgia
- 62. Nevada
- 63. Alabama
- 64. D of C
- 65. Hawaii

IX DIVISION Assemble at 5:00 P.M.

66. Illinois

II DIVISION

Assemble at 1:00 P.M.

- 16. Alaska
- 17. Vermont
- 18. Maryland
- 19. New Mexico
- 20. Ohio
- 21. Virginia
- 22. Nebraska



ANNUAL REPORT

COVERS PERIOD ENDING JUNE 1, 1982

The final pages of this official program of the 64th Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1981-82 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of The American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

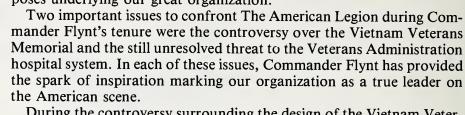
AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION

All major airlines serving Chicago have offices in the Loop area, readily accessible from the Conrad Hilton Hotel, the Hyatt-Regency, the Palmer House and other hotels housing convention delegates and guests. In view of the accessibility of existing permanent facilities, no transportation center is contemplated at this time.

The American Legion continued its tradition of fine service to God and Country under the guidance and inspiration of National Commander Jack W. Flynt. He has provided an example of leadership and courage, meeting the significant challenges of this Legion year with conviction and dedication. He has given of himself

tirelessly and unselfishly, always keeping in mind the fundamental pur-

poses underlying our great organization.



During the controversy surrounding the design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the commander placed The American Legion in the position of states-man-like mediation between opposing factions, culminating in a compromise agreement which, in a very real sense, prevented the loss of the monument for our, and perhaps all, time.

As of the time of this convention, the \$1.2 billion VA hospital construction suspension poses a serious threat to the concept of specialized care for veterans. The commander has led a spirited, cogent defense of the system, inspiring all Legionnaires to lend their voices and their influence to protecting the system, and has dedicated much of our resources to ensuring adequate veterans health care into 1984 and beyond.

Increasingly, our fellow citizens and indeed, the government, will turn to The American Legion for advice and guidance on voluntary service to the nation and its people. The American Legion will continue to serve, as the new Legion year unfolds. We have demonstrated the willingness, the ability and the courage to undertake difficult tasks. Our leadership has provided us with the example we need to continue, and the pages which follow provide a detailed account of our many successes during the term of National Commander Jack W. Flynt.

It's been a year in which the executive staff, from National Adjutant and Executive Directors to Division Directors, have organized under the concept of Management By Objectives, or MBO. MBO helps executives think through what their goals are in total objectives of their organization, and in personal interests and skills. MBO provides for planning in goals of one, three and five years.

Such planning in relation to the total organization should result in more effective action by your National Headquarters staff in serving you and our great American Legion.

It's been a great year, one in which we helped to bring a "future memorial" to remind us of the sacrifices our men and women made in Vietnam, one in which we strove to improve management planning and execution . . . and one in which we served a great National Commander.

We look to another great year, from this Convention forward.

ROBERT W. SPANOGLE

National Adjutant

THE AMERICAN LEGION 64TH ANNUAL REPORT

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress, approved September 18, 1941.

NATIONAL OFFICERS



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Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan) National Adjutant



Frank T. Markovich (Missourl) National Vice Commander



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Percy C. Miller (Tennessee) National Vice Commander



Melvin "Doc" Simon (Vermont) (Maryland)
National Vice Commander National Vice Commander



David A. Wade



Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia) National Chaplain



Bertram G. Davis (New York) National Judge Advocate



Webber LaGrange (Indiana) National Treasurer



Bernard J. Chisholm (Minnesota) National Historian



Herbert W. Odell National Sergeant-At-Arms

When National Commander Jack W. Flynt calls the 64th Annual National Convention to order it will be the seventh time that the City of Chicago has hosted a National Meeting of The American Legion. Previous Conventions held in Chicago were 1933, 1939, 1944, 1945, 1958 and 1972.

Founded by American veterans of World War I, the Legion's purposes as a patriotic service organization, dedicated to the service of God and Country, has remained constant through the years. The American Legion, now in its 64th year, is an organization comprised of veterans of service with the armed forces of the United States during four periods of conflict: World War I; World War II; Korea and Vietnam. The American Legion, as the largest veterans organization, was brought into being as a result of two organizational caucuses. The first in Paris, France, March 15-17, 1919 and the second in St. Louis, Missouri, May 8-10, 1919. By action of its first National Convention, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, delegates selected Indianapolis, Indiana as the site of its permanent National Headquarters. The organization also maintains a major national office in Washington, D.C.

The National Commander, elected by action of the National Convention to serve until the next National Convention which selects his successor, is the organization's chief executive officer. Other national officers chosen by National Convention action are five National Vice Commanders.

Jack W. Flynt of Dimmitt, Texas, is the 1981-82 National Commander of the Legion. Major accomplishments of the Legion during his term of office are presented in the following pages of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan, National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The Adjutant, the National Judge Advocate, the National Chaplain, the National Treasurer, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-At-Arms comprise the appointed National Officers of The American Legion.

National Commander Flynt Shows How



National Commander Jack W. Flynt discusses volunteerism with President Ronald Reagan. He invited the President to address Legionnaires attending the National Convention in Chicago.



William C. Plowden (center), assistant secretary of Labor, Veterans Employment, is greeted by Commander Flynt (left) and Legislative Commission Chairman Clarence Bacon. Plowden, a long-time Legion member from New Zion, S.C., spoke to Legionnaires at the Spring Conference at Indianapolis in May 1982.



The leaders of The American Legion, Jack W. Flynt, and the American Legion Auxiliary, Romaine Roethel, discuss plans for both organizations during the commander's homecoming in Texas in October 1981.



American Legion National Commander Jack W. Flynt addresses large crowd at groundbreaking ceremonies for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial is to be dedicated on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 1982.



With "down-to-earth" action, Commander Flynt starts work in the construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., March 26, 1982. The Legion contributed over \$1 million to the memorial.



Commander Flynt greets fellow Texan U.S. Rep. Kent Hance who addressed an American Legion banquet attended by about 500 persons at Indianapolis in May 1982.

American Legion "Helps America Work!"



Jack W. Flynt greets United States Representative Lindy Boggs of Louisiana at a reception during the Legion's 1982 Washington Conference.



In his visit to the California Department Jan. 4, 1982, National Commander Jack W. Flynt (center) was honored by (left to right) Veterans of WW I National Commander Winston Roche, California Department Commander John Homan, 2nd District Supervisor County of Los Angeles Kenneth Hahn, Commander Flynt, California National Executive Committeeman Leo Burke, 17th District Commander John Hahn and World War I National Nurse Mary Hallock.



National Commander Flynt greets U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, chairman of the Senete Judiciary Committee and senior member of the Armed Services and Veterans Affairs committees. The two met at a Capitol Hill reception for members of Congress.



National Commander Jack W. Flynt (left) talks about veterans affairs with Veterans Administration Chief Robert P. Nimmo. Nimmo heads the third largest federal agency in the nation.



National Commander Jack W. Flynt pays a call on U.S. Attorney General William French Smith in Washington, D.C.



National Commander plays Santa Claus at American Legion staff Christmas Party in Washington, D.C.

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

National Executive Committeemen

AlabamaLewis E. McCray	MissouriErman W. Taylor
Alaska	MontanaPete J. Tuss
Arizona Louis M. Pellon	NebraskaLewis L. Adams
ArkansasLawrence E. Fisher	Nevada
CaliforniaLeo P. Burke	New Hampshire
Canada	New Jersey Warren R. Davies
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DelawareJohn E. Byrne	North Carolina
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Florida	Ohio
France	Oklahoma
Georgia	Oregon
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IdahoElton Ashton	Pennsylvania Stephen J. Mikosky
IllinoisJohn B. Mahoney	Philippines
Indiana	Puerto Rico
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Kansas	South Dakota
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Louisiana	Texas
Maine	Utah
MarylandF. Douglas Johnson	Vermont
MassachusettsJohn P. Comer	VirginiaEmmett B. Burley
MexicoViet Gentry, Jr.	WashingtonFrank V. Buzzell
Michigan	West VirginiaJack T. Gribben
Minnesota Donald R. Schroedl	Wisconsin Ervin Van Dyke
Mississippi	WyomingJohn A. Mokler

Past National Commanders

Hamilton F. L			
Hamilton Fish		John E. Davis	North Dakota
S. Perry Brown	Texas	William E. Galbraith	
George N. Craig		William C. Doyle	
Erle Cocke, Jr	Georgia	J. Milton Patrick	
Donald R. Wilson	West Virginia	Alfred P. Chamie	
J. Addington Wagner		John H. Geiger	
W. C. Daniel	Virginia	Joe L. Matthews	
John S. Gleason, Jr	Illinois	Robert E. L. Eaton	
Preston J. Moore	Oklahoma	James M. Wagonseller	
Martin B. McKneally	New York	Harry G. Wiles	
William R. Burke		William J. Rogers	
Charles L. Bacon		Robert Charles Smith	
Daniel F. Foley	Minnesota	John M. (Jack) Carey	
Donald E. Johnson	Iowa	Frank I. Hamilton	_
L. Eldon James	Virginia	Michael J. Kogutek	
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AMERICANISM COMMISSION



Daniel J. O'Connor (New York) Chairman Ray Patterson (Iowa) Director

Your National Americanism Commission is charged with the responsibility of development and promotion of the many and varied Americanism Programs. Reflected in our programs is The American Legion's positive approach to training of America's youth in the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

The growth of our programs has been continuous because of the efforts of volunteers like yourself and those in the Post and Units across America. You have assisted in teaching the lessons of citizenship and good government on several programs; namely, Boys/Girls State, Boys/Girls Nation, Oratorical, Baseball and Career Education.

In addition to the specific youth activities programs described elsewhere in this report, the National Americanism Commission continues to be involved actively in legislative matters affecting our democratic way of life. Among our legislative concerns are illegal entry of aliens into this country, voluntary prayer in public buildings, the formation of an FBI Charter and the need for a Congressional Internal Security Committee to combat the terrorism so prevalent in the United States today.

Also, this Commission has the responsibility for supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees — the National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee.

Flag Education

The National Americanism Commission continues its program of Flag Education through publications such as "Know Your America" and, "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette."

The American Legion, which has been a recognized authority on Flag Etiquette for over sixty years, has attempted to set the record straight for all citizens when it comes to the display and use of the American Flag.

The office of the National Americanism Commission receives innumerable and varied inquiries regarding proper respect for our Flag and continues to promote Flag Education programs for elementary school students.

Service to God and Country

"Service to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of America and to charge our citizens with a spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first of this dual objective is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The second objective is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibilities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift and ideals of loyalty, honesty and physical fitness.

This program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations which hold with the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.

"Get Out The Vote"

Since its inception, The American Legion has been concerned with reminding members of their responsibility to register to vote. In more recent years, this concern has broadened to include all members of the electorate. Generally, this effort has been directed at only the Presidential election; however, it is becoming quite clear that an effort should be made to increase voter registration and turnout for all elections, including those for local, state and national offices.



Boys Nation delegates demonstrate during the swearing-in ceremony of the Boys Nation President and Vice President. The Boys Nation program is held every year at American University in Washington, D.C.

To enhance this effort, The Americanism Commission has produced a brochure entitled, "Get Out The Vote." This brochure contains ideas and suggestions for Posts and Units in implementing a community effort to register eligible citizens for the purpose of voting on election day. The Commission urges all Posts to actively work to increase voter turnout at the polls with the idea that good government is the direct result of citizens exercising their responsibility by casting their vote on election day.

Education Activities

American Education Week, co-sponsored by The American Legion since 1921, will be observed November 14-20, 1982. The theme, "A Strong Nation Needs Strong Schools," emphasizes the role The American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary can and should play in bringing about a revitalization in education as a preparation for the world of work and a training ground for young people in active, responsible citizenship.

Participation in the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the American Personnel and Guidance Association's National Convention this past spring reaffirmed that our financial source book, "NEED A LIFT?" is serving an important role for young people. High school counselors nationwide look to "NEED A LIFT?" as a basic tool in their work with young people. "A Guide for Parents and Students" and other publications



Finalists in the 1982 American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest are shown left to right, William Kephart, Jr., Chillicothe, Illinois, first place — \$16,000 scholarship; James Leonard, Lincoln, Nebraska, second place — \$10,000 scholarship; Patricia Moon, Broad Run, Virginia, third place — \$6,000 Scholarship and Harry Thomas, Dover, Delaware, fourth place — \$4,000 scholarship.

continue to be in demand by individuals as well as by Posts and Units.

Along with American Education Week promotion and Financial Aids Assistance, we will continue our emphasis on citizenship education. Above all, our dedication to practicing good citizenship as an example should be forever continued. The American Legion's increased involvement in Career Education is the latest in a long line of school activities of which members of this organization are a part. Career Education is simply teaching school-age children about the world of work. New and exotic curricula are not necessary since teachers use many sources to show how the course subject relates to the world of work. American Legion involvement is described in much more detail in the Post Auxiliary Community Together (PACT) booklet recently revised and available from Departments.

Baseball

American Legion Baseball is culminating its 57th season of nationwide competition as this Convention convenes. Eighty regional champions, from among the nearly 4,000 teams fielded by American Legion Posts and sponsors, are being determined throughout the country this week in preparation for the 1982 World Series at Boyertown, Pennsylvania, September 2-6.

Approximately 52% of all major league baseball players this season gained training and experience in the Legion program before they signed their first professional contract. More and more participants are realizing college educations as a result of scholarships granted following exposure in this athletic activity first sponsored by The American Legion in 1925.



Dr. Kenneth B. Hoyt, Director of Career Education, Department of Education, is shown accepting the Americanism Commission's National Committee on Education's award from National Commander, Jack W. Flynt during the Washington Conference 1982.

Boys State/Boys Nation

Over 30,000 high school students selected during their junior year participated in Boys State, representing a nationwide program of orientation in the operation of city, county and state government. Fifty American Legion Departments conducted a Boys State program in 1982, culminating in the selection of two Boy Staters from each being honored to attend the national Boys Nation program.

The American Legion Boys Nation program, a detailed study of the function of the Federal Government, was conducted at American University, Washington, D.C., July 23-31.

At Boys Nation, delegates visit federal agencies and receive briefings on the function of the departments, following which they themselves conduct hearings, act on bills in session and culminate their activities with an election of a Boys Nation President and Vice President.

Boys Nation serves as a unique governmental training program for the delegates and motivates their interest and concern in the Federal Government process.

At the end of the week-long activities, the pinnacle of Boys Nation was when the President of the United States greeted all of the young Senators in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Scouting U.S.A.

Representing The American Legion's vital interest in the Scouting program, Timothy P. LaQuerre, a 16-year-old sophomore from Merrimack, New Hampshire, sponsored by Merrimack American Legion Post No. 98, has been named The American Legion Scout of the Year for 1982.

Oratorical

The Forty-Fifth Annual National High School Oratorical Contest Finals were conducted Friday, April 23, 1982, at Bismarck, North Dakota. Fifty-three Departments of The American Legion participated in the Oratorical program. The four national finalists selected from thousands competing in the contest were:

FIRST PLACE – William Kephart, Jr., Chillicothe, Illinois

\$16,000 Scholarship

\$10,000 Scholarship

SECOND PLACE - James Leonard, Lincoln, Nebraska

THIRD PLACE — Patricia F. Moon, Broad Run, Virginia \$6,000 Scholarship

FOURTH PLACE - Harry A. Thomas, Dover, Delaware \$4,000 Scholarship The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund also awards a \$500 scholarship to each Department winner who participates in the Regional contest, and a \$500 scholarship to Sectional contestants who do not advance to the National Finals, for a total of \$66,500 in scholarships awarded annually to recipients at the national level. To date, over \$800,000 in scholarship awards has been provided from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. Additionally, scholarships are awarded at the Post, District and Department levels.



Thousands of participants enjoy stimulating competition in the American Legion Baseball Program throughout the country annually.

COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Leo F. Malloy (Massachusetts) Chairman

The Counter-Subversives Activities Committee, since its establishment by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion on November 17, 1950 continues to monitor the activities of individuals and organizations whose goals are the overthrow of our present form of government. Recently, the President and Congress put together a program which includes new laws and executive orders aimed at dealing with internal subversives. The draft Presidential order would severely limit release of government files under the Freedom of Information Act, but it would offer complete exemptions to the CIA, the National Security Agency and the Defense Enforcement Administration.

Of major concern is the growing number of students in our high schools, who, today are participating in socialist organizations. This is evidenced by a new club recently formed in a Washington, DC high school and reported to be a chapter of the *Young Socialist Alliance* organization. On the college level, one associate professor at New York University who is an avowed Marxist said that, "many students who were not Marxists at the beginning of my course, write at the end of the course that they are now Marxists." It is estimated that radical scholars and organizations now claim membership of more than 12,000 persons on the nation's campuses.

Another chief concern is the problem of illegal aliens coming into our country. An immigration bill has been introduced in both the House and the Senate which calls for a national identification system for everyone looking for a job — both citizens and non-citizens alike. The bill, if enacted, will impose stiff penalties on employers who knowingly hire undocumented aliens.

Terrorism has become a world wide problem, as witnessed by the increase of abductions and assassinations. Legislation has been introduced to begin counter-terrorism training in friendly Third World countries who have had little experience in combatting terrorism. The program will be targeted exclusively at training supervisory personnel and if implemented, could train as many as 1,500 police officers annually. According to State Department figures released earlier this year, in 1981 there were 760 international terrorist acts in which 642 people were killed and 1,078 were wounded. Americans included in these figures accounted for 10 dead and 94 injured.

All of this information has been disseminated in *Firing Line*, the publication of the Counter-Subversives Activities Committee.

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION



Eugene V. Lindquist (Minnesota) Chairman Ray Patterson (Iowa) Director

The appraisal of children and youth events over the past six decades is an awesome experience. Such an evaluation recognizes that the welfare of children is inseparably interwoven in the welfare of the nation and the society of which they are a part. The lives of children — our hope for the future — are nourished for better or worse by events and forces over which neither they nor their parents have much individual control.

What has been the effect of nuclear weapons and geographical unrest; of microwave ovens and instant breakfast; of inflation and economic depression; of lasers and home computers? Answers to these questions and thousands like them would undoubtedly help establish benchmarks to measure our Children & Youth successes or failures. With all these changes in our way of life, the first 60 years of The American Legion's Children & Youth program stand as a living testimony to our founding fathers' dream for the future — glittering proof of our ability to move with the times and adapt our programs to the needs of the day without weakening the principles of our foundation.

Our national theme this past year was "A Great Hope of Benefit to All Childhood." During the 1981-82 program year, The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary maintained a very positive record of achievement to benefit all children. Through selfless hours of dedication, our thousands of volunteers made great contributions to our children and to our nation.

At last year's annual Spring Meeting in Indianapolis, your National Commission selected three major areas of concern for nationwide involvement by Posts, Units and Salons. They were:

Special Olympics Drug Abuse Prevention Reye's Syndrome Awareness

Special Olympics: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." This is the statement of values to which Special Olympians obligate themselves, and it reveals the true spirit of the competition. Special Olympics is a year-round program of physical education, recreation and sports activity for the mentally retarded. Not merely an exercise for the body, it's an exercise in life and teaches the mentally retarded about themselves. It gives them a chance at seeing, trying and achieving. The retarded have always been told, "You can't do it." Special Olympics says, "You can do it. All you need is a chance." Though more than national in scope, Special Olympics is primarily a local program, with no national funding or massive bureaucracy. It is truly "grassroots," organized in towns like yours by people like you who care.

Prug Abuse Prevention: The history of the Children & Youth program at the national level is riddled with statements of concern over problems inherent with drug abuse. The Legion's first noteworthy accomplishment in this area came in 1951, when we spotlighted the problem of narcotics use by juveniles through a special narcotics clinic held in New York City.

The drug problem has come a long way in 30 years. The 1980's have realized an increase in the kinds of drugs, in the amount of drugs, and in the number of young people

using them. Indeed, the 1950's seem mild when compared to today's drug problems.

Factual information regarding drugs and their effects can aid in reducing the potential for abuse. Take the time to learn about drugs, then take the time to teach the children.

Reye's Syndrome Awareness: Our history shows a strong involvement in measures to prevent disease and offer assistance for research. Our most recent attempt at alleviating a specific health problem has us working in the national objective of Reye's Syndrome awareness.

Reye's (pronounced "rise") Syndrome is a children's disease that until recently was thought to be extremely rare. Now, increased numbers of reported cases show that the disease, while obscure, is not rare and it is indeed widespread.

Reye's attacks primarily healthy, active, normal children. Nationally, it is fatal in 20 to 40 percent of reported cases, and estimates put the fatality rate at 80 percent if not detected and treated immediately. Research has been unable to reveal its cause, cure or prevention. Evidence shows that those children that do survive RS owe their lives to early diagnosis and life support care. It is of utmost importance that parents of young children be alerted to the symptoms of RS and be made aware of what to do if RS is suspected in a child.

Our national areas of concern are important to remember, but so are three of our perennial programs —



Officials of Special Olympics, Inc., present their organization's banner to The American Legion and its Auxiliary at Washington, D.C., luncheon February 16. The veterans organization has supported the volunteer athletic program for handicapped and retarded children since 1978; last year its posts and units nationwide contributed an estimated \$863,000 in support and services to local Special Olympics events. Shown from left are American Legion National Commander Jack Flynt; Dr. Thomas Songster, national director of sports and recreation for Special Olympics, Inc.; Mrs. Romaine Roethel, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Special Olympics Executive Director Robert M. Montague, Jr.

Temporary Financial Assistance, "Make Halloween a Safe and Fun Night" and the April Incentive program. The promotion of these programs has helped our total effort. Wherever The American Legion and our Auxiliary are held in high regard, you can bet that these and other programs will be found on the annual community calendar.

Almost daily we receive letters and/or phone calls from members and non-members requesting materials to support our areas of concern. Your National Commission is very proud to inform you that all of our major programs are supported with pamphlets and program guides. Included in these materials are pointers to Posts and Units as to how they can get involved in their communities.

The Regional Leadership Conferences received tremendous support in 1981. In only our third year of such meetings, the attendance figures are up and enthusiasm is high. A great deal can be accomplished in such an atmosphere, where intense education and feedback are the top priorities. Plan to attend one of these conferences in 1982 at one of the eight national sites.

Every year, we make a financial report to the United States Congress. In the reporting season of June 1, 1980, through May 31, 1981, a grand total of \$21,788,611 was expended for Children & Youth programs. This figure reflects the combined efforts of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty. You should also know that this impressive dollar amount was the total compiled from 69 percent of the Auxiliary Units and only 46 percent of the Legion Posts. Our total expenditures for this program since 1920 nearly exceed \$425 million. How proud we are of every Post and Unit who took the time to fill out their individual report forms and send them to National through appropriate channels.

For decades, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty have been valuable associates of The American Legion in their support and promotion of the Children & Youth program. We look to the future decades with a "great hope" for continued success in this vital segment of our volunteer population. Won't you accept the challenge and get involved with the Children & Youth program of The American Legion in your community in 1982-83? Say yes!

AMERICAN LEGION CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION, INC.

Walton D. Griffin (Tennessee) President Paul R. Frinsthal (Illinois) Executive Secretary

Today there are very few things of which we can be certain. Except maybe one, and that one might be the everpressing needs of our nation's children. Every day, it seems we read of a new disease or handicapping illness that must be met and dealt with. Or maybe a new agency is trying to solve an old problem and they don't know where to go for help.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. stands ready to fund deserving projects aimed at solving some of the children and youth problems that exist in our society today. All of this is made possible through annual contributions from Legion, Auxiliary and Eight and Forty members. Without such thoughtful people, our Foundation could not last for very long. Please drop us a line concerning this valuable service, and please ask how you can help.

On May 2, 1982, the Foundation's Board of Directors met in Indianapolis to consider 42 applications for grants which totalled \$719,273. These grant requests were made from all parts of the country, and they represented many excellent programs to benefit the children and youth of this nation. During this meeting, grants totalling \$175,480 were awarded to 12 voluntary, nonprofit organizations who are actively engaged in helping our younger generation. Without the continued support of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty, such assistance would not be possible.



Americanism/Children & Youth Division Director Raymond C. Patterson (left) accepts the Special Service Award from John W. Dieckman, President of the National Reye's Syndrome Foundation. Presented on October 24, 1981, the award cited The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation as a "Friend of Children & Young People," and was offered as a permanent expression of esteem and gratitude.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION



James P. Dean (Mississippi) Chairman Thomas J. Haynes (Colorado) Director

The National Internal Affairs Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling

within the area of assigned duties of other national commissions or committees are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination:" Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion organization, and the commission's full-time staff at National Headquarters in Indianapolis (the Internal Affairs Division) provides staff services for the National Contests Supervisory Committee, which itself reports to the National Convention Commission.

Membership

A report of the Membership and Post Activities Committee will be found separately in this publication.

Constitution and By-Laws

The National Constitution and By-Laws can be amended only by action of a National Convention. However, a Constitution and By-Laws Committee does review and make recommendations on all proposed amendments.

Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials

This committee supervises all official national awards (with the exception of those related to uniformed group competition) and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award, and the Canadian Friendship Award. This committee also presents to the National Executive Committee its recommendations for miscellaneous awards that have been made since the last meeting of the National Executive Committee.

Resolutions Assignment

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate convention committee for report to the convention. The number of resolutions reviewed and assigned prior to the 1981 National Convention totaled 571.

Sons of The American Legion

The Sons of The American Legion continued to grow during 1981. Final membership for 1981 totaled 52,233, a gain of 6,470 over the 45,763 final count for 1980. SAL National Conventions are held in conjunction with the National Conventions of The American Legion. The 11th National Convention in Chicago this year will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Sons of The American Legion. A gala celebration, as well as other special events, is planned to commemorate this milestone. Already held this year was a 50th Anniversary poster contest, the winner of which will receive an expense-paid trip to the National Convention.

Consolidated Post Reports

For the seventh year in a row, Posts of The American Legion were asked to file a Consolidated Post Report which would allow the national organization to obtain a standard report on all major programs. Approximately 43.14 percent of all Posts submitted reports. Reporting Posts represented approximately 58 percent of the total membership with assets in excess of \$497,682,000. Some of the figures were truly outstanding, such as the following: Cost of athletic teams, 5.3 million dollars; aid given to benefit children and youth, 5 million dollars; hours given to community service, 2.7 million hours; cost of uniformed groups, 1.6 million dollars.

Much of the money raised by American Legion Posts is on a volunteer basis, and programs are very rarely supported by the amount of dues collected. This points to one of the great strengths of The American Legion — service work to veterans and children and youth and communities.

Paid-Up-For-Life

The Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Plan is showing a steady gain in acceptance and participation. Since its beginning in July of 1975, approximately 25,000 Legionnaires have utilized the availability of the PUFL Plan.

Energy Policy of The American Legion

Over five years ago the National Executive Committee assigned to the Internal Affairs Commission the primary responsibility for all resolutions concerning energy and environment. A subcommittee of the Internal Affairs Commission was formed for the purpose of researching all resolutions.

The basic policy of the Energy Subcommittee is one that supports the concept of a national policy to decrease our reliance on foreign fossil fuels and to develop our proven and potential domestic resources.

Since becoming involved in the field of energy, The American Legion has presented testimony in Congress and sponsored numerous energy forums at the national and state level. With the introduction of an energy pledge program, over 1,200 Posts and Units are now receiving timely energy information and programs in cooperation with the Department of Energy, industry, and consumer groups.

The direction of The American Legion's involvement in the energy program will remain one of concentration on conservation. We will, however, continue to broaden our monitoring of alternative energy sources in search of energy independence. We recognize that our national security, as well as our economy, is dependent upon our success and the success of other organizations who are now beginning to join us in this important national challenge.

Direct Renewal

With the successful development of the National Direct Renewal Program, the Internal Affairs Commission and the Membership and Post Activities Committee have begun to expand the use of direct mail as a method of securing new members, organizing new Posts, and retaining those who now belong.

Tests have clearly shown that potential members will respond to a direct mail invitation from our organization. It has been recognized, however, that a complete direct mail effort cannot provide the results we desire unless each person responding receives personal attention from the Post nearest his or her home.

The development of new concepts in membership invitations, while retaining the important one-on-one contact between our members, provides an interesting and exciting challenge for the years ahead.

MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES

Edward T. Pendarvis (South Carolina) Chairman James L. Adcox (North Carolina) Director

Membership Strength

Total official membership, 1981	2,631,873
1981 membership as of June 1, 1981	2,570,247
1982 membership as of June 1, 1982	2,536,984

The 1982 membership year has been one of continued implementation of innovative redirection within the organization. It is quite evident that our membership is becoming younger and more visible as our nation's leaders among veterans. Our enrollment of Vietnam Veterans is increasing and numerous special Vietnam Veteran Posts have been established throughout the organization.

Eligibility Dates Remained Constant In 1981-82

There have been no changes in eligibility dates for membership since the 1979 National Convention in Houston, Texas where new dates were established for Vietnam Veterans (December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975).

1982 Commanders Who Help America Work

"Mr. District Commander" Competition Rules

Competition will be divided into five categories based on the District Membership without regard to geographic locations. Based on final 1981 totals, District Commanders will compete in each of the following categories. A Top District Commander for the National Award will be selected from each of the five categories. Second and third place awards will also be presented in each category.

First Place Awards — Presented to the District Commander in each category whose 1982 District Membership represents the greatest percentage increase over the final 1981 District Membership* on May 3, 1982.

Second Place Awards — Presented to the District Commander in each category whose 1982 District Membership represents the second highest percentage increase over the final 1981 District Membership* on May 3, 1982.

Third Place Awards — Presented to the District Commander in each category whose 1982 District Membership

represents the third highest percentage increase over the final 1981 District Membership* on May 3, 1982.

*Final 1981 Membership as of December 31, 1981.

Category I	Districts of $15 - 1,499$ Members
Category II .	Districts of $1,500 - 2,999$ Members
Category III.	Districts of $3,000 - 4,999$ Members
Category IV.	Districts of 5,000 - 7,499 Members
Category V	Districts of 7,500 and above Members

"Mr. District Commander" Competition Winners

FIRST PLACE AWARDS — Transportation For Winner and spouse as well as 7 days, 6 nights hotel accommodations while attending The American Legion's 64th Annual National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Also, tickets to the National Commander's Banquet and "Distinguished Guest" status while attending National Convention activities.

Winners:

Category I	- Orval Wright, District 7, Department of
	Utah 142.42%

- Category II Mannie Ruiz, District 11, Department of New Mexico 110.50%
- Category III Lionel A. Morais, District 9, Department of Massachusetts 107.70%
- Category IV Albert Cooper, District 12, Department of Florida 103.19%
- Category V Gene Bosben, District 16, Department of Florida 103.29%

SECOND PLACE AWARDS — An American Legion Uniform consisting of Blazer, trousers, cap and tie.

Winners:

- Category I Oscar P. Funk, District 2, Department of Idaho 126.07%
- Category II Fred S. Wright, District 12, Department of North Carolina 108.12%
- Category III Earl Reimers, District 5, Department of Colorado 106.30%
- Category IV Cullen P. Tracy, District 15, Department of Florida 103.09%
- Category V Dale E. Pence, District 3, Department of Ohio 102.65%

THIRD PLACE AWARDS — An Official American Legion Blazer

Winners:

- Category I Bautista De La Cruz, District 3, Department of Puerto Rico 123.13%
- Category II Alve Krietemeyer, District 4, Department of Florida 107.16%
- Category III Val Drzewiczewski, District 4, Department of Vermont 103.45%
- Category IV Robert P. King, District 5, Department of Florida 102.45%
- Category V Dean K. Dunn, District 4, Department of Kansas 100.89%

Department

Department Commanders who qualified for '82 "We Help America Work" honors are identified among those whose Department achieved 100 points or better and are pictured elsewhere in this National Convention Program.

19th Annual National Membership Workshop

Two National Membership Workshops were held this year in preparation for the 1983 membership year. The workshops were held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, July 22-23 and July 29-30. The goal of the National Membership Workshop was to achieve a greater participation by individual Legionnaires in examining the membership objective of The American Legion. This exchange of ideas on a national scale continues to be one of the best methods of determining the future of The American Legion. Workshop participants left National Headquarters motivated and prepared to begin another successful membership year.

We are again looking forward to our eight Regional Conferences during which we will take our Membership Workshop to the field. These Regional Conferences are scheduled for September and October.

New Posts

Posts Chartered 5/30/81 to 5/30/82

No. of Posts as of 5/30/8115,795
No. of Posts cancelled as of 5/30/82136
No. of new Posts chartered as of 5/30/8282
Total no. of Posts as of 5/30/82

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most difficult tasks confronting The American Legion. The Membership and Post Activities Committee, developed a "Metropolitan New Post Marketing Plan." This plan has been proven successful and is now being implemented in several Departments. The premise of the plan is that any organization, no matter how great its programs or how large its membership, must continually adjust to the changes of the society it serves. The American Legion and its "Metropolitan New Post Marketing Plan" sets forth a procedure for organizing the core city and reorganizing once active Posts.

Operation "Welcome Back"

Operation "Welcome Back" has significantly surpassed last year's success. This reinstatement program for delinquent members has resulted directly in the renewal of over 19,000 delinquent members. Individual certificates of accomplishment for this program have been mailed to 2,500 Legionnaires in appreciation of their participation and dedicated effort in reinstating delinquent members. This is also a significant increase over last year's 1,350 certificates.

This program continues to prove valuable also by assisting National Headquarters in keeping its membership

mailing list up to date through changes of address and deletion of deceased members reported on "Welcome Back" cards.

1983 Membership Promotion — "We Help America Work"

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis, January 14-15, 1982, the Committee formulated the membership promotion plan for the 1983 membership year. Several changes have been incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program for 1983 which we felt more effectively and economically recognized outstanding membership accomplishments.

Also, during the M&PA planning session, it was the consensus of the Committee to retain our present theme for the 1983 year. The theme is, "We Help America Work." We believe this theme expresses as concisely as possible in one short sentence the value of our great organization. It is our hope that this membership theme and the promotion program which is built around it, along with the several other national membership tools, will help us create the environment necessary for successful membership years in the future.

Direct Marketing Test

In a continuing effort to develop our overall marketing plan for American Legion membership, several tests have been completed utilizing direct market concepts. The results of these tests are not yet complete, but will be made available as they become completed.

Unofficial Membership Awards Early Bird Awards

Forty-six Departments qualified for Early Bird Awards by surpassing the assigned membership total by the September 25, 1981 Target Date. Awards were earned by: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Arkansas.

Veterans Day Awards

Forty-three Departments qualified for Veterans Day Awards by surpassing the assigned membership total by the November 16, 1981 Target Date. Awards were earned by: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi,

Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Arkansas.

Goose Egg Competition

Awards were presented to Department Commanders in each of six categories who had the highest percentage of Posts reporting some 1982 membership to National by November 16, 1981. Winners were: Category I — Indiana, Category II — Maryland, Category III — North Dakota, Category IV — New Hampshire, Category V — Delaware, Category VI — France.

Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service

Special certificates were presented to 1,283 Posts who had re-enrolled by November 11, 1981 their entire previous year's membership, for 1982.

Big Ten Competition

Winning Departments for the 1982 Big Ten Competition are: Category I — Wisconsin and Minnesota; Category II — Maryland and Kansas; Category III — North Dakota and Arkansas; Category IV — Montana and Vermont; Category V — Delaware and Idaho.

Year End District Commander Award

Fifty Departments had District Commanders who qualified for Commander Flynt's December 31st District Commander Awards. Awards were shipped to the following Departments for appropriate presentation to the winning District Commander: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Canada, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Post Honor Ribbon

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 3,696 Posts whose 1982 membership as of December 31, 1981 equaled or exceeded their total 1981 membership.

Certificate of Meritorious Service

These Certificates were awarded to 762 Posts which by December 31, 1981 had enrolled an advance membership for 1982 equaling or surpassing the Post's previous All-Time-High.

The American Legion Birthday Award — Post of Distinction

5,959 Posts qualified for the above award by having enrolled by March 17, 1982 a membership for 1982 equaling or exceeding the total 1981 membership in addition to carrying on basic programs throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

William D. Jackson (Indiana) Executive Director

The Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities.

- 1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office and, during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from the Headquarters, acts for him.
- 2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.
- 3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters, the National Retirement Committee, Publications Advisory Board, and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.
- 4) He coordinates EDP-Computer operations, which has a Director reporting to the Executive Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: cashier; mail; printing; purchasing; graphic arts; general supply . . . stock, receiving, shipping; Library, Archives, E. A. Blackmore Museum; Communications Center; building maintenance; cafeteria; Personnel Division; Finance section and Insurance section.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

Computer Center

The EDP-Computer Center is currently responsible for the following programs:

Updating of "The American Legion Magazine," SAL, FIRING LINE, ADVANCE, and Legislative Bulletin mailing lists; and the printing of mailing labels and renewal notices.

Production of direct membership renewal notices and registers.

The production of membership cards and registers, department accounting reports, statistical information, post questionnaire reports and welcome back notices.

The printing of state paper mailing labels, upon request. PUFL members updating and financial checks.

The maintenance of inventory controls, purchasing con-

trols and billing applications for The American Legion Emblem Division.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports.

Production of all general ledger accounting information.

Maintenance of the mailing list and automated grading for the Extension Institute.

Production of audit control and circulation analysis reports for "The American Legion Magazine."

Production of inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

Accounts receivable.

Retirement Investment program.

Furniture and Fixtures Inventory and Depreciation reports.

CONVENTION COMMISSION



Richard H. Klinge (Washington) Chairman William H. Miller (Hawaii) Director

The 63rd National Convention held in Honolulu was a limited success, limited for the reason that a great number of persons desiring to attend the Convention were not able in the final analysis to do so. Because of the ever increasing airfares many of the potential attendees were forced to cancel previously made plans to attend. Honolulu attracted some 20,000 visitors, approximately ten to fifteen thousand less than the original expectations.

In spite of the reduced attendance it is to be noted that the Convention was a financial success.

Bids are continuing to come to the Commission from a great number of cities to host a future National Convention. To name but a few, we have heard from San Antonio, Phoenix, Denver, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, Cincinnati, Detroit and New Orleans. Most are bidding for specific years, however some are placing bids for the first available opening in the schedule.

The city of Philadelphia which had previously received the award of the 1984 National Convention appeared at our Spring 1981 meeting and indicated a possible problem existing in that city and further indicated that it might become necessary for them to withdraw the invitation to host the 1984 gathering. Those speaking in behalf of the Philadelphia bid requested that they be given additional time to attempt to solve their problems and agreed to present a final decision at the October 1981 meeting.

Philadelphia representatives, in keeping with their earlier statement, did in fact appear before the October 1981 meeting and withdrew the invitation to host the 1984 National Convention. To fill the void created by the withdrawal of Philadelphia, the city of Salt Lake City was given the 1984 award. The city of New Orleans was selected as the site of the 1985 National Convention.

A sub-committee previously appointed to review all contest activity at National Conventions presented their final recommendations at our October meeting. The sub-committee recommended that the Senior and Junior Drum and Bugle Corps competition be eliminated but recommended other contests involving Senior Bands, Junior and Senior Color Guards, Junior and Senior Drill Teams, Senior Firing Squads and Choruses be continued. The Convention Commission concurred in the sub-committee's recommendation and the National Executive Committee has approved.

As a result of the change in format brought about by the elimination of certain contests normally held at National Conventions it is necessary for the Commission to now revise its National Convention Requirements Booklet. A sub-committee consisting of three members of the Commission was appointed to study this booklet and present their suggestions for revision and updating thereof. Final action is to take place on the revision at our October meeting.

A contract by and between the National Organization and the Seattle 1983 Convention Corporation has been executed by the National Commander and the National Adjutant.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Thomas P. Joyce (Illinois) Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates under the direction of the National Convention Commission and has the responsibility of assisting those persons who have been invited to attend the National Convention as distinguished guests.

The committee arranges transportation for the distinguished guests' arrival and provides transportation to the various events which the guests desire to attend. Proper credentials, agendas and itineraries are all a part of this operation and special requests from distinguished guests are honored where possible.

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates from a headquarters suite in the hotel which is selected as headquarters for the Convention. This headquarters is the nerve center for the committee's operation and is also maintained as a convenience for all distinguished guests.

The success of the committee's operation depends

almost entirely upon Legionnaires from within the convention city. These Legionnaires provide experienced leadership and conscientious devotion by aides, drivers and others help to make the guests feel comfortable and at ease during their stay in the convention city.

CONTESTS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Leon M. Jackson (Louisiana) Chairman Dennis Oxley (Indiana) Liaison

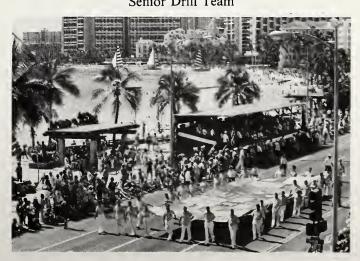
The National Contests Supervisory Committee (NCSC) supervises all contests at the National Conventions of The American Legion, and is charged with the responsibility of developing and making available information on musical organization management and other expertise relative to musical organizations.

The NCSC met October 12-13, 1981 at National Head-quarters, Indianapolis, Indiana. The committee reported that a special sub-committee on contests created during the 1981 Spring national meetings recommended that Junior and Senior Drum Corps competition be dropped and Junior Bands be encouraged to participate in the National Convention Parade. The special sub-committee cited a number of reasons for this decision. This recommendation was approved by the National Executive Committee during these meetings.

The NCSC met again on May 3-4, 1982 at National Headquarters. The committee announced that competition for Junior and Senior Color Guard, Junior and Senior Drill Team and Firing Squad will be held in Grant Park in downtown Chicago, Illinois. Competition for Senior Band and Chorus will be held in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The seven categories sponsored by the NCSC are:

Junior Color Guard Firing Squad
Senior Color Guard Senior Band
Junior Drill Team Chorus
Senior Drill Team



A unit of The American Legion's 63rd annual national convention parade passes the reviewing stand in Honolulu, Hawaii.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION



William Detweiler (Louisiana) Chairman Michael E. Alexander (Indiana) Director

The National Public Relations Commission made several changes during 1981-1982 in improving its position as the communications arm of The American Legion.

Michael E. Alexander was appointed Division Director Jan. 25, 1982, bringing with him 23 years of experience in newspaper management and reporting, and public relations. Deputy Director Rodney C. Anderson retired Jan. 1, 1982, after 20 years of service.

Communication with the general public through the news media remained the primary objective of the Commission. With the help of several news media and developing new communication tools, including video and audio tape, motion pictures and still film, Public Relations worked hard at providing an informative image of The American Legion's community service, national security, and individual accomplishments.

Internal communication between National Head-quarters, Departments, Districts and Posts represents a major investment in internal communications. In a move designed to receive a full return on time and money, The American Legion's Public Relations Division reassessed current practices of The American Legion News Service ALNS, the toll-free telephone Hotline news program and the National Commander's speeches throughout the nation and the world.

ALNS, until Feb. 1982, was being mailed to 1,200 individuals, at increasing postage costs. Its purpose of serving Legion members who, in turn, informed others was losing focus. A comprehensive review of the mailing list resulted in a reduction by more than 65%. The news service mailing list has been reduced to 365 members who are informing others through newsletters, newspapers, radio programs and speeches. In addition, the news service format was changed to reflect a professional news style for immediate use in publications. ALNS also is being mailed to a select group of newspapers receptive to Legion news throughout the country.

The American Legion Hotline, available toll-free from anywhere in the continental United States except within the

Department of Indiana (where an intra-state number is used), was evaluated and found to be under utilized as a means of providing up-to-the-minute information to members about the Legion. Current policies, although still under evaluation, call for a 2-minute report to be available by 9 a.m. (EST) each work day and a comprehensive weekend report to be available at the close of business each Friday (or the last workday of the week).



American Legion National Commander Jack W. Flynt (left), of Texas, presents the National Commander's Public Relations Award for 1982 to Washington news correspondent Sarah McClendon Feb. 17 during the Legion's annual Washington Conference. William Detweiler (center), of Louisiana, chairman of the National Public Relations Commission, assists with the presentation. Mrs. McClendon, who served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II, is a member of National Press Club Post No. 20, American Legion Department of the District of Columbia.



ABC Television News Vice President Bill Lord (right) is presented The American Legion's 1981 Fourth Estate Award for distinguished service in communication by American Legion Public Relations Commission Chairman William M. Detweiler. The award was presented to ABC for "The Iran Crisis: America Held Hostage." N. La Verl Christensen, editor emeritus, Provo (Utah) Daily Herald and Scripps League Newspapers columnist, was the recipient of the award, too.

Speeches by the National Commander provide a strong means of informing Legion audiences. Often they are covered by the local news media. The Public Relations division assists the National Commander with the research and preparation of each speech. All are tailored at the local community being addressed. Assistance included video taped practice sessions in which the National Commander gained immediate feedback on style, delivery and presence.

The Public Relations Division maintained close contact with Department Officials in advance of a visit by the National Commander, advising and assisting where required to assure the greatest possible exposure to local and national news media.

Early in the 1981-1982 Legion year, the Public Relations Commission participated in eight Regional Leadership Seminars. Emphasis was on the practical skills and knowledge necessary for a community-based public relations practitioner. At each regional seminar, a panel of local media representatives explained news gathering and answered Legionnaires' questions about their approach to news.

During the 1982 Washington Mid-winter Conference, Washington news reporter Sarah McClendon received the National Commander's Public Relations Award for outstanding professionalism in newswriting and coverage of American Legion programs, activities and ideals. More than 800 Legionnaires and guests attended the luncheon in the Capital Hilton Hotel.

The huge Fourth Estate Award, honoring an outstanding news medium whose accomplishments are in keeping with Legion principles and the furtherance of the American way of life, went to NEWSWEEK for 1982.

Honoring outstanding communications about The American Legion is an important part of the Public Rela-



American Legion National Commander Jack W. Flynt answers a question during a news conference at American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

tions Commission's mission of heightening public awareness of the Legion's role in American life.

Other vehicles of communication, authorized by the Public Relations Commission, include radio and television public service announcements, 16mm films, billboard advertisements, and special publications about The American Legion.

Commission members also continued to develop skills and understanding of the public relations function. During 1981-1982, they attended briefings at numerous military installations in Hawaii and in Washington to familiarize themselves with what other public relations offices are doing.

Plans for the future include a Legion-wide photography contest to improve photography standards in Legion publications, and a public relations seminar at National Headquarters for department public relations specialists.

The Commission commends the staff of the Public Relations Division for a year of improved service to The American Legion and its members.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE COMMISSION



Milford A. Forrester (South Carolina) Chairman Dean B. Nelson (Iowa) Publisher

The cost of postage, paper, printing and general operating expenses have increased significantly in recent years. Consequently, finances have been a primary concern of The American Legion Magazine Commission as they and the Publisher continually search for ways to reduce costs while maintaining publication of a quality magazine. This year, however, appears to mark the turning point in the Magazine's financial status due to an increased per capita allocation as a result of the 1982 dues increase, higher than expected advertising revenue, and significant "savings" on postage.

The latter resulted when it was decided to begin mailing the Magazine via non-profit 3rd class mail instead of nonprofit 2nd class, effective with the March issue. On January 10, the Postal Service increased non-profit 2nd class rates to the fully phased step 16, thereby nearly doubling the cost of postage for the Magazine. Though a portion of this increase had been anticipated and budgeted for, the entire phasing was not expected until late in 1982 — and even that date was the result of a dramatic foreshortening of the original phasing schedule.

However, even this dark cloud had its silver lining: for the first time, non-profit 3rd class became more cost effective than non-profit 2nd class. Moreover, it offered a "publisher's option" on return of non-deliverables which could result in substantial savings for Department publications. Therefore, the Magazine designed a new mailing label and began to take advantage of the difference in rates immediately.

Though there is no way to determine what the final savings will be in 1982 because this is based on the total pages mailed and contingent on future rate increases, a comparison of costs for issues mailed last year, using the old and new rates, serves as a fairly accurate indicator of the *potential* savings. If the 12 issues produced during accounting year 1981 had been mailed using the following rates, these costs would have been incurred:

1981 non-profit 2nd class rate: \$1,356,503 1982 non-profit 2nd class rate: \$2,508,917 1982 non-profit 3rd class rate: \$1,644,492

Based on these figures, which show a savings of more than \$864,000 yearly by taking advantage of the current 3rd class rates, the Magazine anticipates substantial postage "savings" in 1982. Though the actual postal costs have increased significantly this year — and it is anticipated that non-profit 3rd class rates will not remain static — the percentage of increase was much less due to the Magazine having changed mailing class; hence, there will be an end-of-the-year under-budget figure for postage. Furthermore, there appears to be no difference in delivery time in most of the country.

Additional postage savings are being realized currently through the use of carrier sequencing of our mailing list. Under this provision, the Postal Service grants a per unit discount for those copies of the Magazine bundled according to mail carrier specifications. After all expenses are subtracted, this effort should save about \$150,000 per year.

Advertising linage through the June issue was running about 25 percent ahead of last year — a strong indicator of the Magazine's acceptance by national mail order advertisers. Despite an advertising rate increase, it is expected that advertising income will be more in 1982 than originally anticipated.

By far the greatest impact on the Magazine's budget was the influx of an additional \$1 per member, raising the allocation from \$1.50 to \$2.50. For the first time in a number of years, each Legionnaire is actually paying an amount almost equal to what it costs to produce and mail his Magazine. In 1981, with each member contributing \$1.50, the actual cost of publication per member was \$2.81. In 1982 — though the final figure is not yet in — it is expected that the cost will exceed \$3.

So, based on increased advertising revenue, an increase in the per capita dues allocation, "savings" on postal costs, and careful management of the entire production operation, your publication will very likely be operating in "the black" by 1983.

Though money matters have dominated managerial discussions in recent months, the importance of producing a fine editorial product has not been forgotten. In this regard, the staff continues to follow an editorial format conducive to delivering to each reader not only significant news of the Legion and background information on primary areas of concern, but also a wide range of general interest articles chosen for their entertainment and informational value.

An indication of the acceptance of this format and the regard in which the Magazine is held is readily apparent when one considers the number of Legion Magazine articles that are reprinted in other publications. Our latest figures show that more than 20 percent of the Magazine's features are eventually reprinted elsewhere. And, increasingly, the Magazine's analyses of major veterans concerns are being reprinted in the Congressional Record.

By far the most widely distributed article this year has been the three-part series, "Agent Orange: Time Bomb Or Dud?" A staff-produced analysis of the Agent Orange problem, the series was made available for mass distribution as a single unit reprint. To date, in excess of 18,000 copies have been sold and distributed throughout various agencies of the federal government, state governments and medical facilities, as well as a substantial number to individual concerned citizens.



The Talking American Legion Magazine, a special disc recording available without charge to visually impaired and physically handicapped Legionnaires, made its debut with the March 1982 issue. Appropriate phonograph equipment is available on a loan basis from the Library of Congress.

A large part of the success of our editorial presentation each month depends on the quality of graphics employed. It is imperative that your publication not only be interesting, but that it look interesting while simultaneously enhancing easy access to the material on the printed page. We are pleased to announce that all evidence indicates that the Magazine's graphics are preeminent in their field, and tangible evidence of this assertion are two awards it recently won for "excellence in creation of graphic design" for its April 1981 cover entitled "The Medication Controversy" and its December 1981 cover entitled "Merry Christmas." Both of these covers were displayed this spring at a DESI 5 Exhibit in New York City.

Finally, we are gratified to report that the "Talking American Legion Magazine" program, which began in March, is being well received throughout the organization. The "Talking Magazine" is the disc recording of the editorial content which is recorded professionally by a studio in Louisville, KY. Legionnaires with sight and physical handicaps are eligible to receive the magazine on 8-1/3 rpm recordings without charge. Complete information on the program can be obtained by writing to the Magazine's offices in National Headquarters.

The American Legion Magazine Commission is pleased with our product, and we think the Magazine is fulfilling its mission and doing it well. And now, with the economic picture brightening, we are confident that your publication will excel even its past performance and go on to new heights of editorial and graphic excellence.

FINANCE COMMISSION



Churchill T. Williams (Iowa) Chairman Webber LaGrange (Indiana) National Treasurer Paul M. Allen (Minnesota) Finance Director

The National Finance Commission is consisted of seven members, with the National Adjutant as Ex-Officio Secretary and the National Commander and National Treasurer as Ex-Officio Members. The primary function of the Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive Committee. While this is the Commission's primary responsibility, it has several other responsibilities to the organization; such as; review the budget on a regular basis; make recommendations to the National Executive Committee concerning appropriations and the allocation of the per-capita tax.

The \$2.00 increase in dues approved at the 63rd National Convention held at Honolulu, Hawaii became effective on January 9, 1982. This increase makes total dues received by National Organization \$5.50 per member, which is allocated as follows:

\$.25 to VA&R

\$2.50 to The American Legion Magazine

\$2.75 to the General Fund

The National Organization had an operating deficit of \$132,331 for the year 1981. This deficit is considerably less than had been originally forecast for the following reasons:

- 1. Postage increase scheduled to go into effect in October 1981, postponed until January 1982.
- 2. Greater return on investments than anticipated.
- 3. Increased sales by Emblem Division.
- 4. Increase advertising revenue received by *The American Legion Magazine*.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's Report, and in addition, your attention is directed to the reports of Committees and Trusts which are the responsibility of this Commission and can be found elsewhere in this program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee.

American Legion Emblem Committee.

American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust.

THE AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMMITTEE

Harold E. Heinly (California) Chairman Gene L. Fattig (Indiana) Director

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan now in its 24th year, was officially adopted by the National Executive Committee in Washington, D.C., on February 22, 1958. The Plan is one of the outstanding "Fringe Benefits" offered by membership. The Insurance Committee is assigned for jurisdictional purposes to the National Finance Commission, and reports through the Commission to the National Executive Committee. The Insurance Department is staffed by a National Headquarters employee who serves as Director of the Insurance Office, which is administered by the Youngberg-Carlson Company, Inc., housed in Chicago, Illinois.

Your Insurance Committee has met two times since the last report and is pleased to again announce that the Plan continues to experience growth. This is due in part, to the fact that The American Legion has recognized a need for keeping pace with the nation's economy. Consequently, the committee has periodically sought approval from the National Executive Committee to increase the maximum

number of units for which members could apply under the Plan. The most recent action in that respect occurred January 1, 1980, when the maximum number of available units was increased from six (6) to eight (8). Legionnaires who were eligible for a maximum of \$60,000 protection before, can now apply for coverage up to \$80,000 in The Legion Life Insurance Plan.

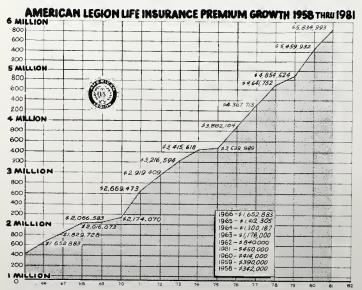
The National Executive Committee passed a resolution granting a 20 percent "across the board increase" in all death benefits for the calendar year 1982. This is the 13th time, in the 24 year history in which an increase of this nature has been made. Example: The \$80,000 policy becomes \$96,000 and a \$10,000 benefit is worth \$12,000. The astounding fact is that cost per unit has never increased. It remained only \$24.00 a year.

This is a group plan, in fact, the largest (numerically speaking) of its kind in the country. It is underwritten by Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company of California. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin, who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The Insurance Plan is a polished tool, designed to attract the Vietnam age war veterans, as well as help to retain members. Membership workers should not overlook this "fringe benefit program" when working to increase their post's membership.

Premiums and/or contributions paid for 1981 coverage amounted to \$5,834,993. Contributions have continued to grow throughout the years. After the close of each calendar year and after all claims and administrative expenses have been paid in the Group States, the unused premiums are placed in The American Legion Life Insurance Trust. There is in excess of \$4 million in this Trust Fund.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust has for some



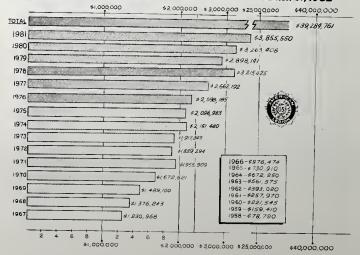
years helped support the National Oratorical Contests and The American Legion Baseball Program. The expenditures for 1982 include \$361,721 for the Baseball Program and the Awards for Oratorical Contests are as follows: \$16,000 for 1st Place; \$10,000 for 2nd Place; \$6,000 for 3rd Place; and \$4,000 for 4th Place. In addition each of our Department winners attending the regional contest receives a \$500.00 scholarship award. The twelve contestants at the Sectional Contest receive a similar \$500.00 scholarship award. The Junior Uniformed Groups participating in the National Convention has \$20,000 set aside for their related expenses and \$98,934 set aside for the Boys' Nation Program. These requests for grants of money are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, The Finance Commission and N.E.C. Without question, these programs do much to shape tomorrow's leaders.

Over the past 24 years more than 23,500 death claims have been paid, totaling over \$40 million in benefits. During 1982, 1,145,093 Legionnaires who have been members of The American Legion from 1 to 15 years received a three flight mailing alerting them to the fringe benefit of membership and given an application to file if desired. In addition, over 56,000 Legionnaires enrolled in the Insurance Plan received a computer letter reminding them that the Plan provides additional units, and should they wish to increase their present coverage, just execute the application provided. Also approximately 200,000 new members will be informed of this program. During calendar year 1982 approximately \$299,000 will have been spent for advertising in The American Legion Magazine.

Each year on or about Oct. 15 all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when tendering remittance to cover the annual premium due for the next calendar year.

Remember, your American Legion Life Insurance Plan always pays in addition to any other life insurance benefits; it is not intended in any way to replace any existing coverage you may have. It simply makes possible thousands of dollars of extra security at incredibly low cost.

AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE PAID CLAIMS 1958-MARCH 31, 1982



For further information write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, 222 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, Attention: Gene L. Fattig, Director.

CONDENSED REPORT ON NATIONAL EMBLEM SALES DIVISION

Clayton C. Schlick (Iowa) Chairman Alfred L. Lankenau, Jr. (Indiana) General Manager

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1981 and for the first three months of 1982.

January 1, to December 31, 1981 (12 months)

Gross Sales
Cost of Goods Sold
Overhead1,154,946
Operating Profit Including Discounts Taken605,691
(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1981
was 16,779.)

January 1, to March 31, 1982 (3 months)

Gross Sales
Cost of Goods Sold
Overhead
Operating Profit Including Discounts Taken211,818
(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1982
was 14,662.)

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION



Clarence M. Bacon (Maryland) Chairman
E. Philip Riggin (Maryland) Director

The primary mission of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the Congress of the United States. The legislative program followed by the Commission is

dictated by resolutions adopted at either a National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The Commission, through its Washington, D.C. legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. The National Legislative News Bulletin and other Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of Congressional activity affecting the veteran and his family.

During the first session of the 97th Congress, The American Legion submitted or delivered testimony on 30 topics. A large portion of this testimony was directly related to veterans benefits and services.

One of the most significant measures passed by this Congress was P.L. 97-37, the Former Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 1981. With its many features designed to allow former POWs to receive benefits due them, this measure is seen as a clear indicator that Congress is more attuned to the severe treatment received by POWs and their need for special treatment afterwards.

In the area of National Security, the passage of P.L. 97-60 indicates a desire to strengthen America's armed forces. This measure provides 10 percent pay raises for new recruits and 17 percent raises for senior sergeants, enlistment bonuses of up to \$8,000, greater housing and food allowances, and an expansion of personnel eligible for hazardous duty pay. With the passage of this bill, it is hoped that those already in armed forces will stay in, and that high quality and better-educated persons considering enlistment will be encouraged to join.

Another victory for National Security was the enactment of FY 1982 Department of Defense funding on December 29, 1981. Besides providing \$4.3 billion for development and deployment of the MX missile system, the B-1 bomber, and Trident nuclear submarines, P.L. 97-121 also lifted military aid bans on several nations in the Western Hemisphere — signaling a commitment to our allies in the face of communist activity in Central and South America.



National Commander Jack W. Flynt confers with Speaker of the House Thomas (Tip) O'Neill in November, 1981 on issues of importance to The American Legion.

A major victory for younger veterans was won with passage of P.L. 97-72. This measure provides for VA medical treatment for any veteran who believes he has been exposed to either Agent Orange or to atomic radiation while on active duty. Also included in this measure were a VA small business loan program for veterans and a three-year extension for the highly successful Vets Center program. The American Legion mustered considerable support for this measure and can take pride in its passage.

Another matter of concern to veterans was the passage of P.L. 97-101, which provided funds for the Veterans Administration for FY 1982. The Reagan Administration had asked that VA have funding levels of \$23.8 billion. The final level provided by P.L. 97-101 amounted to \$24.1 billion. While this was victory for VA, nevertheless some setbacks were suffered. The most serious loss was the cut-



Max Julian, Department Commander of Indiana; Joe Gorrell, 4th District Commander; Harold Brubaker, VAVS Representative, and Roger Howard of the Veterans Administration examine Alcohol Stabilization Unit video cassettes. These cassettes as well as reference books and large-print books for the library, a Social Work Patient Welfare Fund and the installation of a cablevision project were all provided to the VA Medical Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana through a \$5,000.00 donation from the Department of Indiana American Legion.



National Commander Jack W. Flynt, accompanied by Legislative Commission Chairman Clarence M. Bacon, presents The American Legion's National Legislative Award to Congressman Bill Hefner during the 1982 Washington Conference.

back of three major hospital construction projects. The Legion will continue to monitor any further efforts to slash VA's budget, and will in fact strive to have these projects restored.

There are other areas of concern to the Legion which have, as of this writing, not been acted upon by Congress or the President. These include intelligence agent identity legislation, copyright relaxation, volunteer mileage tax deductions and elimination of postal subsidies. All of these areas will be kept under close scrutiny by the Legislative Commission and the legislative staff.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION



Frank A. Kelly (Georgia) Chairman

James G. Bourie (Connecticut) Director

One of the basic concerns of The American Legion is the economic well-being of its members. This concern is vested in the National Economic Commission and its two affiliated committees: Employment and Veterans Preference. The Commission has responsibility over a host of issues including private and federal sector employment, housing, small business, the disabled and savings bonds, to name a few.

As veterans unemployment rates have exceeded all expectations, the Director for Economics continues a close liaison with officials of The Department of Labor and the Veterans Employment Service. With the enactment of PL 96-466, the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment was elevated to a full Assistant Secre-



National Economic Commission Chairman Frank A. Kelly, (left) of Savannah, Ga., meets with Secretary of Labor Raymond Donovan to discuss employment matters of mutual interest.

tary for Veterans Employment with Mr. William Plowden being the first ASVE. The American Legion was instrumental in the creation of this position in order to move veterans' employment training needs to the prominence they deserve. Of vital concern to the Commission are future national manpower programs which will replace the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act in September. The Commission believes that veterans must be made a significant part of any new manpower scheme as well as having separate and distinct programs. Administratively, the Veterans Employment Service was severed from the Employment Training Administration with the possibility that the Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights may be realigned under the office of Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment together with the VES. The Director of Economics is a member of the Secretary of Labor's Veteran Council which discusses veterans' employment training problems with top department officials.

As over 40 percent of the federal workforce are veterans, the Economics Division is very concerned that the Office of Personnel Management observes all rights afforded the veteran during a reduction-in-force. As the Administration has announced plans to reduce the size of the federal workforce, the Economics Division has intensified its liaison with top OPM officials to ensure that veterans are protected. The division was instrumental in convincing Congress to extend, for three more years, the Veterans Readjustment Appointment authority for eligible veterans. Like provisions for the 30 percent disabled appointment, the VRA is a special, non-competitive hiring program for eligible veterans. The Director of Economics is a member of OPM's Veteran Advisory Council which meets regularly with top OPM officials.

Small business accounts for over 66 percent of all employment in this nation. Thus, The American Legion is interested in ensuring that the Small Business Administration fully implement its federal mandate of "special consideration" for veterans under The Small Business Act of 1974; legislation for which the Legion was in part responsible. Although past agency policies have been to re-



Donald Devine, (left) Director, Office of Personnel Management, meets with James G. Bourie, Director of Economics for The American Legion.

sist this mandate, the Legion persisted before Congress and agency officials to implement this law. These efforts culminated in a 90-day Task Force composed of veterans' organizations representatives and agency officials working together to determinate what can be done for the veteran who wishes to go into business or is already in business. The Economics Division was intimately involved in all phases of the Task Force and is also a member of the SBA's Veteran Advisory Council.

Under the National Employment Committee, "Jobs for Veterans" continues as a priority program. In 1981, 55 National Awards were presented to employers of veterans. At the 64th Annual National Convention the National Commander will present two special awards to two companies, large and small employers, as outstanding "Employer of the Year for Hiring Veterans."

Two other awards programs are promoted with designated weeks set aside for emphasis although departments may apply for and present these awards at any time. One of our legislative efforts before Congress is to have the second full week in March designated "National Employ the Older Worker Week." The Economic Commission also presents flags that have been flown over the Capitol to the ten federal and five Postal Service employees annually honored as outstanding handicapped employees.

The National Economics Commission believes that an investment in Savings Bonds is indeed an investment in America. Not only does the Economic Division support and promote the Savings Bonds program within the Legion, the Director of Economics serves as Chairman of the National Organizations' Committee of the National Savings Bonds Program, U.S. Department of Treasury. Other memberships include Executive Committee, President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Committee on Disabled Veterans, as well as private



Director of Economics for The American Legion, James G. Bourie, (left) greets William C. Plowden, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Veterans Employment, U.S. Department of Labor. Secretary Plowden is a long-time Legionnaire and a Past Department Commander of the Department of South Carolina.

organizations which concern themselves with the problems of older Americans.

As always, the Economic staff stands ready to advise veterans with any difficulties with programs under the jurisdiction of the National Economic Commission.



Donald R. Templetman, (left) Deputy Administrator for the Small Business Administration, welcomes James G. Bourie, Director of Economics for The American Legion.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION



William F. Lenker (South Dakota) Chairman Robert E. Lyngh (Colorado) Director

The current climate of fiscal austerity with regard to Federal spending has led to an upswing in volunteerism, and the Executive Branch of the Government is emphasizing the importance of people helping people.

The volunteer has always been a mainstay of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program. The Post Service Officer is an important link in The American Legion's network of service to the Nation's veterans and their families by providing personal assistance at the community level. Likewise, the Hospital Volunteer worker provides a personal touch that would not otherwise be available to hospitalized veterans.

Since the founding of this organization The American Legion volunteer has played a vital role in the American community, and the importance of the work they accomplish will be intensified as the attempt to balance the Federal budget continues.

Once again this year, the most significant issue we are facing involves the funding for VA programs. As we move along further into the FY 1983 budget conflict, the battle lines have been clearly drawn, and it is doubtful if the matter of the VA budget for FY 1983 will be entirely resolved by the time this report is published. The Legion has reiterated its position publicly, in messages to the Administration and in appearances before Congressional Committees, that it stands for full funding for veterans programs; and that in national priorities, veterans assistance programs should rank second only to national security which must rank first.

The VA medical care system is once again a center of controversy. One of the most significant elements of the entire VA system is the renovation and replacement of VA medical facilities. In this consideration, the National Organization and the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission has consistently adhered to a number of absolutes that govern this entire subject. First, the Nation has a fundamental obligation to care for the service disabled. Second, the mandate to provide care for the nonservice-connected was first set forth in the World War Veterans Act of 1924, and was intended to insure that veterans who might be suffering from service induced disabilities, whether or not they were clearly identifiable would not be denied care, and that veterans who were poor would not be neglected, in consideration of their contribution to the Nation's security. The American Legion has never deviated from these positions. And, we are not aware of any sentiment among the American people that the mandates should be changed.

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs has initiated a review to revalidate all major construction projects potentially eligible for construction funding in FY 1984 and the outyears. The implication is that VA procedure heretofore has not justified the medical construction program. As we



Chairman William F. Lenker, left, National Veterans and Rehabilitation Commission, presents the 1981 VAVS Award to John J. Homes of Texas.

see it, this reexamination of the VA construction program poses a threat to the veterans medical care system. The reason for the Legion's concern is that the entire capital plant of the system is in need of massive immediate and long-range renovation and replacement. Any capital improvement deferrals at this time are going to cost more in the future. There are hospitals in the system that were built prior to World War II, when the system was rapidly expanded. None of these are configured to accommodate the practice of modern medicine, and cannot be adapted to modern medical technology.

At the time this article was being prepared it was too early to draw any firm conclusion as to the final action to be taken by the VA Administrator, except to conclude that the VA intends to closely monitor every phase of the medical care delivery system. We do not intend to challenge the right or the propriety of the Administrator to revalidate the medical construction program. Cost effectiveness and real need are high on the priority list of the Legion as well as all conscientious citizens. However, we have an apprehension that the much needed renovation and replacement program could get bogged down in a bureaucratic tangle that could slow the program, thus delaying needed improvements in the system, and escalating costs in these times of inflation.

Another concern is the problem facing the VA in its nursing program. The shortage of registered nurses in the medical care system is critical — there is a national shortage of professional nurses, and the VA must compete on the open market for its share of the available supply. What is needed is funding and authority for VA to put together packages that will enable it to compete in the open market for its share of professional nurses. One of the things that must be done is to implement the Nurse Scholarship Program. The proposed budget for FY 1983 allocated no funds for this purpose. We intend to pressure the Congress, at every available opportunity, to appropriate adequate funds for this purpose.

Other matters which will require our attention in the coming months — those of a priority nature — deal with



National Commander Jack W. Flynt, welcomes Miss Dorothy Starbuck, Chief Benefits Director, Veterans Administration, to The American Legion Reception for Members of Congress held in conjunction with the Washington Conference.

the long-range health effects of Agent Orange on those veterans who served in Vietnam; the support of cost-of-living increases in both disability compensation and DIC; necessary changes in the current Improved Pension Program; and, the burial benefit for veterans that was eliminated in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. We have had introduced in the Congress appropriate legislation seeking restoration of the burial allowance, and the Commission has urged Congress to advance this legislation during hearings on the VA budget. The action by the Congress to eliminate this one single monetary benefit that had been available to the entire war veteran population was a mistake and should be rectified.

Service to the Nation's veterans and their dependents continues to be one of the Commission's most important activities. The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission and its staff will continue their efforts to achieve the goals mandated by the National Convention and National Executive Committee to improve programs and benefits for veterans.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION



Dr. Robert P. Foster (Missouri) Chairman G. Michael Schlee (Maryland) Director

The Foreign Relations Commission continued to devote its efforts to support of a vigorous foreign policy consistent with The American Legion's basic tenet of "peace through strength." The Commission emphasized resistance to Soviet imperialism, in all of its manifestations, throughout the world.

Washington Conference

During the Washington Conference in February 1982, members of the Foreign Relations Commission heard a stirring address by Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Speaking for the second consecutive year at the Conference, Ambassador Kirkpatrick analyzed and denounced Sovietbacked suppression of Polish freedoms, the Soviet buildup in the Caribbean, and increasing Soviet expansion throughout the world. Ambassador Kirkpatrick praised The American Legion's commitment to a strong defense policy. Later activities included discussions with Ambassador Herman J. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, on Central America and

with Mr. Frank H. Perez, Acting Director of the Office for Combatting Terrorism, on international terrorism. The Commission also met with Mrs. Ann Griffiths, Executive Director of the National League of Families to discuss POW/MIA issues. The Commission met in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing room to discuss Congressional consideration of Asian security issues with Mr. Alfred D. Wilhelm, representing the Committee's staff. Finally, the Commission visited Bolling Air Force Base for an excellent U.S. Air Force briefing entitled "Soviet Awareness."

The Republic of China (Taiwan)

Following the U.S. government's decision not to sell advanced fighter aircraft to the Republic of China, National Commander Jack W. Flynt sent a letter to President Reagan reiterating The American Legion's commitment to supporting Taiwan's self defense efforts:

Taiwan's continued freedom cannot be reasonably assured unless the United States makes available modern military equipment providing a balanced defensive capability The American Legion strongly urges you to approve future Taiwanese requests to purchase modern military defensive equipment.

POW/MIA

Since its formation pursuant to Resolution Number 178 of the 1980 National Convention, the POW/MIA Committee has continually worked on developing public awareness of the pressing need to obtain the return of our POW/MIAs or receive an accurate accounting for them. The POW/MIA Committee met in February 1982 during the Washington Conference. At that meeting, the Committee decided to make a "Write Hanoi" campaign its first priority during 1982.

Chairman Keith Baker (Iowa) later sent a letter to each Department's official responsible for POW/MIA matters.



In addressing the Washington Conference for the second consecutive year, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick told a joint session of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions that Soviet worldwide expansionism must be stopped.

The letter explained the "Write Hanoi" campaign and enclosed numerous materials useful for conducting a sustained POW/MIA public awareness campaign. Chairman Baker suggested two themes for the letters to Hanoi:

- Normalization of U.S.-Vietnamese relations depends upon Hanoi returning our POW/MIAs or providing an accurate accounting for all POW/MIAs.
- The American people, who ultimately determine U.S. policy, will not permit the U.S. government to normalize relations until our POW/MIAs are returned or Hanoi provides such an accounting.

During the fall of 1981, National Commander Flynt called on Vice President Bush at the White House and presented many petitions collected by The American Legion. The petitions urged the U.S. Government to demand a full accounting from Hanoi for all our POW/MIAs.



National Commander Jack W. Flynt chats with Mr. Frank H. Perez, Acting Director of the State Department's Office for Combatting Terrorism. Mr. Perez addressed the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions on international terrorism at the Washington Conference.



Army Lt. Gen. Robert W. Sennewald, Chief of Staff of the Pacific Command, responds to questions during a joint session of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions in Honolulu as a part of the 63rd National Convention of The American Legion. General Sennewald said that his command was vital to the interests of the United States. He warned that the Soviet Union has the capability of operating in the Pacific as well as in the European area.

Western Hemisphere Task Force

In May 1982, The Western Hemisphere Task Force submitted its fourth report to the National Executive Committee. Since its establishment by the National Executive Committee in May 1980, the Western Hemisphere Task Force has gathered and evaluated information on the communist threat in the Western Hemisphere.

The Task Force's most recent report focused on the Caribbean Basin, with emphasis on Central America. The report identified U.S. national security interests, detailed the communist threat as part of global Soviet strategy, explained the area's severe economic problems, and analyzed the adequacy of current and proposed U.S. policies compared to The American Legion's mandates. The report recommended a full, long-term U.S. commitment to the eradication of communist gains in the area, increased economic and military aid, and the development of a true "Marshall-type Plan" approach to provide and coordinate economic aid. The report also encouraged collective action by the U.S. and its allies in aiding Caribbean Basin nations.

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION



Roger A. Munson (Ohio) Chairman G. Michael Schlee (Maryland) Director

We are short across the board; and I have to say to you: this country is in serious trouble. We are approaching the time when the Soviets, if they care to, can blackmail us into doing anything they want to or we will suffer defeat on the battlefield, which you don't want, I don't want, nor do the American people want. But the American people, starting with some of the members in Congress, do not understand the great deficits that we suffer in relation to the Soviets.

Senator Barry Goldwater - 1982

For 63 years, The American Legion has been engaged in an on-going uphill struggle to remind our citizens that our liberties have been protected by the hardship and sacrifice of those who have served in our Armed Forces, and that these liberties will need continued protection from each succeeding generation of Americans.

During the past year, The American Legion through its

National Security Commission and Committees, has supported measures to guarantee that the size and composition of our Armed Forces are sufficient to continue the mission of deterring aggression by our potential enemies.

These measures include support for the TRIAD concept and STEALTH aircraft; support for the construction and deployment of the M-X missile; support for a strong merchant marine; revitalization of the Selective Service System; support for modernization of the U.S. Navy; modernization of the U.S. Air Force; support for an Educational Benefits package for active duty service people; support for arms reduction talks and a nuclear freeze under certain conditions, and a call for the President to designate a date to be called Armed Forces Appreciation Day.

The President, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State have been made aware of the mandates concerning national defense passed by the National Convention and the National Executive Committee through the personal presentation of those mandates by the National Commander.

In addition, appearances were made before the responsible committees of the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate outlining the views of The American Legion embodied in the resolutions passed by the National



National Commander Jack W. Flynt is shown with Air Force General David C. Jones, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Capitol Hill reception for members of Congress during the annual Washington Conference.



National Commander Jack W. Flynt greets Major General (Ret.) Thomas K. Turnage and Mrs. Turnage at The American Legion's reception held at the Department of State during the annual Washington Conference. General Turnage is the Director of Selective Service.

Convention. The testimony urged that the Congress support an adequate defense budget thereby helping to regain the strategic superiority of our forces both now and in the future.

The National Security Commission had endeavored to keep itself informed on all of those issues which would have an adverse impact on the national security of this country. During the pre-Convention briefing sessions, the Commission met in joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission to hear briefings on the operations of Pacific Command. A briefing team from Headquarters PACOM headed by Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Robert W. Stennewald briefed the Commission on the Pacific Command and its area of operations. The General also delivered a speech on the situation on the Korean Peninsula, an area which holds the greatest threat to peace in East Asia. Dr. Chester A. Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, spoke on U.S. policy regarding the nations of Africa and the Persian Gulf.

The National Security Commission was also briefed concerning the operations conducted by each of the Armed Forces in the Pacific area. A panel consisting of Maj. Gen. Herbert E. Wolff, U.S. Army; R. Adm. Stanley R. Arthur, U.S. Navy; Maj. Gen. Calhoun J. Killeen, U.S. Marine Corps, and Maj. Gen. Irwin P. Graham, U.S. Air Force, then answered questions concerning the morale, quantity and quality of U.S. troops in the Pacific.

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, the National Security Commission used the occasion of the annual Washington Conference to receive updated briefings on several subjects of interest to the members. On the first day of the Conference, the Commission met in joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission for an update on the United States role and progress in the United Nations. The opening speaker was Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, who spoke at the Conference for the second consecutive year. The Ambassador praised The American Legion for its commitment to a strong U.S. defense policy. Her remarks, stressing American sovereignty and firm opposition to Soviet expansionism, provided an excellent frame of reference for the remainder of the conference.



Commander W. A. (Pete) Reed of American Legion Post 148, Lubbock, Texas, is shown presenting The American Legion military excellence and scholastic excellence awards to four Army and Air Force ROTC cadets at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



Roger A. Munson (Ohio), Chairman of the American Legion's National Security Commission, greets Sgt. Major of the Army William Connelly at a reception sponsored by The American Legion to honor Members of Congress.

Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, Chief of Naval Operations, also addressed the joint meeting. He spoke on the need to rearm America and the progress the U.S. Navy was making toward that goal. The CNO also praised the support The American Legion gave to not only Navy programs but also other programs in the other services over the years. He expressed confidence that The American Legion would continue to support a defense budget which would fund an armed force which was a true deterrent, not a hollow threat.

During the Washington Conference, the National Security Commission also conducted an in-depth examination of the FY '83 defense budget, and a report on the current capabilities of the Selective Service System. Providing the defense budget information was Mr. Benjamin F. Schemmer, Editor, *Armed Forces Journal International*, a respected source of information on defense issues. Mr. Schemmer provided an outside perspective on the latest programs and initiatives undertaken by the Pentagon.

The update on Selective Service was provided by Maj. Gen. Thomas K. Turnage, USA Ret., Director of Selective Service. General Turnage reported that the grace period for those who were required to register for the draft, but had failed to do so, would expire on February 28 and stated that those who failed to register by that date would face prosecution under the law. He further stated that out of the 800,000 who had failed to register, he expected that the vast majority would comply with the law.

Members of the National Security Commission also met for a briefing by Mr. Mike West of the House Armed Services Committee staff. The topic was funding in the DOD budget for Operations and Maintenance (O&M). O&M is the money spent for training and maintenance of all the armed forces. A lack of adequate O&M money directly affects the readiness of the armed forces to go to war in an emergency.

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March 23, 1982

Jack W. Flynt, National Commander, The American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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We have examined the balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters We have examined the balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1981 and 1980 and the related statement of revenue, expenses and changes in fund halances for the year ended December 31, 1981. Our examinations as of December 31, 1981 and 1980 and the related statement of revenue, expenses a changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1981. Our examinations were made in accordance with constraint accordance and according changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1981. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as Were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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Balance Sheet

	December 31		
	. 1981	1980	
ASSETS			
CURRENT FUND:			
CashAccounts Receivable:	\$ 765,011	\$ 271,003	
Emblem Division	85,944	79,312	
Publications Division	302,099	271,763	
Other	96,665	69,781	
Accrued interest on investments	221,644	346,446	
Emblem Division	773,056	850,967	
Publications Division	792,411	862,896	
Prepaid expenses and supplies	151,424	153,512	
Postal deposits and other advances	58,707	158,989	
	3,246,961	3,064,669	
Investments – note 2:			
Segregated for Designated Funds	6,212,994	5,752,547	
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building	447,739	433,498	
Other	9,097,029	8,519,139	
	15,757,762	14,705,184	
Property and equipment: Washington, D.C. real estate:		,	
Land	80,000	80,000	
Building	793,183	765,117	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in: National Headquarters building,			
Indianapolis, Indiana	962,295	928,221	
Washington, D.C. building	293,358	279,737	
Computer under capitalized lease — note 3	399,602		
	2,528,438	2,053,075	
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation	1,229,344	1,114,588	
	1,299,094	938,487	
	20,303,817	18,708,340	
NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS — note 6:			
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:			
Uninvested cash	7,752	9,117	
Accrued interest on investments	7,006	6,377	
Investments	441,801	417,007	
· ·	456,559	432,501	
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:			
Uninvested cash	4,915	1,358	
Accrued interest on investments	34,204	22,044	
Investments	2,520,613	1,599,826	
	2,559,732	1,623,228	
	\$23,320,108	\$20,764,069	

See notes to financial statements.

	December 31	
	1981	1980
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		
CURRENT FUND:		
Liabilities:	Ø 550 540	Ø 650 000
Accounts payable	\$ 750,740	\$ 670,088
Capitalized lease obligation — computer — note 3	387,135	120.710
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	173,755	128,718
Funds in transit to The American Legion Life Insurance Trust	455 401	250.006
Deferred dues income	455,421 7,332,901	259,096 7,291,849
Accrued vacation benefits — note 10	265,941	254,928
Provision for health insurance liability	45,000	25,000
Funds held for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund	611,654	•
Other liabilities	24,921	23,502
Total liabilities	10,047,468	8,653,181
Fund balance — notes 4 and 5: Restricted funds:		
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund	396,983	602,853
Children and Youth Fund	98,913	65,126
Freedom Bell Fund	1,500	144,448
Other restricted funds	114,362	84,425
Designated funds:	114,502	04,423
The Restricted Fund — note 2	4,077,565	3,613,462
The Reserve Fund — note 2	2,135,429	2,139,085
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Appropriated funds	1,438,078	1,477,474
Unappropriated	1,993,519	1,928,286
Total fund balance	10,256,349	10,055,159
	20,303,817	18,708,340
NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS — note 6:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Fund balance	456,559	432,501
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Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Fund balance	2,559,732	1,623,228
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	\$23,320,108	\$20,764,069

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
Current Fund

Year Ended

1981

	Unappropriated	Appropriated Funds
REVENUE:	•••	,
National dues	\$8,559,849	
Sales of Emblem items	4,290,124	
Advertising revenue	2,791,804	
Investment income American Legion Endowment Fund	1,226,791	
Corporation income received — note 7		
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion		
Life Insurance Trust — note 8	625,543	
Restricted contributions		
Other income	512,388	
	18,006,499	
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	3,555,617	
Employee benefits — note 9	807,343	
Cost of Emblem items sold	2,589,772	
Direct publication expenses	5,973,583	
Executive and staff travel	483,117	
Commission and committee	868,783	
Operational	1,348,780	
Office	925,097	
Occupancy	658,707	
Special projects and programs	721,162	
	17,931,961	
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	74,538	
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR:		
As previously reported	2,183,214	\$ 1,477,474
vacation benefits — note 10	(254,928)	
As restated	1,928,286	1,477,474
INTERFUND TRANSFERS — note 5	(9,305)	(39,396)
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,993,519	\$ 1,438,078

See notes to financial statements.

December 31

		1980
Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund	Total Current Fund
\$ 657,940	\$ 9,217,789 4,290,124	\$ 9,239,890 4,009,883
365,447	2,791,804 1,592,238	2,618,876 1,468,418
602,850	602,850	593,711
68,984	694,527	548,281
60,929	60,929 512,388	75,960 525,569
1,756,150	19,762,649	19,080,588
987,727	4,543,344	4,449,017
221,960	1,029,303 2,589,772	1,024,279 2,440,347
	5,973,583	5,585,272
69,958	553,075	556,765
28,096	896,879	828,921
97,598	1,446,378	1,312,917
69,250	994,347	883,804
454.000	658,707	703,771
154,909	876,071	811,507
1,629,498	19,561,459	18,596,600
126,652	201,190	\$ 483,988
6,649,399	10,310,087	
	(254,928)	
6,649,399	10,055,159	
48,701		
\$ 6,824,752	<u>\$10,256,349</u>	
(Exhibit B Sheet 2)		

Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances
Designated and Restricted Funds
Year Ended December 31, 1981

REVENUE: National dues		Designated Funds	
National dues Investment income (loss) \$ 369,103 \$(3,656) American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation income received – note 7 Funds received for oratorical contest prizes – note 8 369,103 (3,656) EXPENSES: Salaries Employee benefits Staff travel Commission and committee Operational Office Special projects and programs Special projects and programs 369,103 (3,656) 3,656) EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 369,103 (3,656) 566) FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR 3,613,462 2,139,085 INTERFUND TRANSFERS 95,000 95,000 3,656)		Restricted	Reserve
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INTERFUND TRANSFERS	EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	369,103	(3,656)
	FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,613,462	2,139,085
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	INTERFUND TRANSFERS	95,000	
	FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$4,077,565	\$ 2,135,429

See notes to financial statements.

Restricted Funds

Veterans	Children	Freedom	Other	Total Designated
Affairs and Rehabilitation Fund	And Youth Fund	Bell Fund	Restricted Funds	And Restricted Funds
\$ 657,940				\$ 657,940
				365,447
367,195	\$235,655			602,850
			\$ 68,984	68,984
20,004	22,250		18,675	60,929
1,045,139	257,905		87,659	1,756,150
	· .			
894,687	93,040			987,727
200,117	21,843			221,960
64,292	5,666			69,958 28,096
35,775	28,096 61,823			97,598
56,138	13,112			69,250
50,150	538	\$97,849	56,522	154,909
1,251,009	224,118	97,849	56,522	1,629,498
(205,870)	33,787	(97,849)	31,137	126,652
602,853	65,126	144,448	84,425	6,649,399
		(45,099)	(1,200)	48,701
\$ 396,983	\$ 98,913	\$ 1,500	\$114,362	\$6,824,752
				(Exhibit B
				Sheet 1)

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on September 16, 1919. The Legion acquired all of the assets and assumed all of the liabilities of the predecessor unincorporated national organization of the same name.

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances — Current Fund, but, rather, are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The amounts shown for 1980 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances — Current Fund are included to provide a basis for comparison with 1981 amounts only and have been restated for the effect of the change in the method of accounting for accrued vacation benefits discussed in note 10.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost with any premiums or discounts on U.S. Government obligations recognized at the time of disposal or maturity of the investment involved.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the year after acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D.C. building, which was constructed in 1951, is computed on the straight-line method using a fifty-year life. Beginning in 1969, investments approximately equal to the accumulated depreciation on the building have been segregated. Income on these investments is unrestricted.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation and The American Legion Life Insurance Trust are recorded when received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations. The annual cost, as determined by the actuary, is computed using the aggregate-cost method and includes in normal cost any past service costs.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (CURRENT FUND):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1981		1980)
Segregated for Designated Funds:	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 6,112,706	\$ 5,628,425	\$ 5,665,470	\$ 5,205,416
Accrued interest — restricted	78,664	78,664	73,656	73,656
Uninvested cash	21,624	21,624	13,421	13,421
	6,212,994	5,728,713	5,752,547	5,292,493
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building:				
U.S. Government obligations	447,739	359,565	433,498	358,245
Other:				
U.S. Government obligations	6,147,029	5,943,272	6,464,581	6,090,135
Certificates of deposit	2,950,000	2,950,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Commercial paper		••••	954,558	954,558
-	9,097,029	8,893,272	8,519,139	8,144,693
Total investments	\$15,757,762	\$14,981,550	\$14,705,184	\$13,795,431

NOTE 3 — CAPITAL AND OPERATING LEASES:

In 1981, the Legion entered into a lease agreement (which is accounted for as a capital lease) for rental of computer equipment from December, 1981 through April, 1985. The Legion has options to purchase the equipment or to extend the lease at the end of the original lease term. The Legion is liable for property taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance in connection with the leased equipment. Future minimum payments on this lease, together with the present value of the payments, are as follows:

Years ending	
December 31:	
1982	\$149,611
1983	149,611
1984	149,611
1985	124,676
Total future minimum payments	573,509
Less: Amount representing interest	186,374
Present value of future minimum payments	\$387,135

Prior to December, 1981, the Legion had rented the computer under an operating lease. Rental expense on this operating lease was \$240,440 in 1981 and \$220,446 in 1980.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1985. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance and insurance approximated \$285,000 in 1981 and \$365,000 in 1980. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1989.

NOTE 4 — RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

- (a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or
- (b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

NOTE 5 — APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

During the year ended December 31, 1981, interfund transfers between unappropriated and appropriated funds were as follows:

		Appropriat	ed Funds			
			Interfund Transfers (To) From Unappropriate Fund	Interfund Transfers (To) From Unappropriate Fund		
	Balance December 31, 1980	For Intended Purpose	In Fulfillment Of Purpose	Balance December 31, 1981		
Publications Reserve Real Estate Reserve Convention Reserve Employee Insurance Premium	\$ 397,939 841,977 100,000			\$ 397,939 841,977 100,000		
Stabilization Reserve	98,162			98,162		
Reserve	39,396		\$(39,396)			
Total	\$1,477,474	<u> </u>	\$(39,396)	\$1,438,078		

NOTE 6 — NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS:

The earnings of the Overseas Grave Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1981 are as follows:

	Overseas Grave Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue:		
Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected		\$ 878,309
Investment income	\$ 35,486	273,224
	35,486	1,151,533
Expenses:		
Membership dues withdrawn		177,595
Decoration of graves:		177,353
European Theatre	10,928	
Philippine Islands	500	
Administrative expense		28,112
Trust fees	<u></u>	9,322
	11,428	215,029
Excess of revenue over expenses	24,058	936,504
Fund balances, January 1, 1981	432,501	1,623,228
Fund balances, December 31, 1981	\$456,559	\$2,559,732

SECURITY

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The National Security Commission also invited a panel of the Senior enlisted advisors of each of the services to make a presentation. The Commission heard from the following: Sergeant Major of the Army William L. Connelly; Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Leland D. Crawford; Master Chief Petty Officer James Lechner, U.S. Navy, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Carl Constantine. This panel proved to be the most revealing in terms of learning what is right and what is wrong with our armed forces from a personnel standpoint. Each man was very candid and very eloquent in his assessment. Each was honest in answering questions on the service he represented.

Blood Donor Activities

Twenty-seven Departments actively participated in last year's blood donor program. Based on the reports received from 16 Departments alone, more than 35,000 members donated a living gift of blood. The Department of Rhode Island won both National Commander's Blood Donor Awards with 100% of its Posts and 22.5% of its members actively enrolled in the program. The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary joined with the American Red Cross in the 6th Annual Holiday Blood Donor Drive. Created to meet the increased nation-wide blood demands, the 1981-82 Christmas/New Year drive was one of the most successful to date.

ROTC Medals

Forty-two Departments with ROTC units supported the ROTC program. The Departments promoted and publicized The American Legion ROTC Medals Program by encouraging their Posts to participate in the awarding of medals to outstanding young men and women enrolled in

the ROTC programs. Posts responded to this encouragement by awarding 883 medals during the period July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981. Presentations were made to 354 ROTC units located in 44 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Crime Resistance

The American Legion National Crime Resistance program continues to be a viable method of community involvement for local American Legion Posts. The Crime Resistance booklet is in its 5th printing. More than 300,000 copies have been distributed thus far to schools, Auxiliary Units, Legion Posts and other civic groups.



Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, is pictured addressing members of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions during the annual Washington Conference.

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	December 31				
_	1981		1980	1980	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	
Overseas Grave Decoration Fund: U.S. Government obligations	\$ 441,801	\$ 379,988	\$ 417,007	\$ 361,749	
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund: U.S. Government obligations Commercial paper Common stocks	\$1,279,111 1,151,000 90,502	\$1,216,845 1,151,000 89,562	\$ 884,752 609,000 106,074	\$ 837,412 609,000 117,725	
Total investments	\$2,520,613	\$2,457,407	\$1,599,826	\$1,564,137	

NOTE 7 — AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the "Endowment Fund") was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for The American Legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August, 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of \$2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of \$1,363,891 at December 31, 1981, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. In addition to the amount received from the Endowment Fund of \$602,850 in 1981, there was \$268,503 at December 31, 1981, in net investment earnings of the Endowment Fund, which was payable to the Legion.

NOTE 8 — LIFE INSURANCE TRUST:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurors, which aggregate to approximately \$4,707,000 as of December 31, 1981, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

- (a) To increase the Trust fund.
- (b) To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.
- (c) To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.
- (d) To make refunds to the participants.
- (e) To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boys' Nation, American Legion Baseball and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1981, \$1,003,655 in Trust Funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1982.

NOTE 9 — PENSION PLAN:

Pension expense under the defined-benefit pension plan in which the Legion participates was \$529,122 in 1981. Accumulated plan benefit information, as estimated by the plan's actuary, and net assets of the plan allocable to the Legion were as follows:

	January 1, 1981
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits: Vested Nonvested	\$8,219,554 961,280
Total	\$9,180,834
Net assets available for plan benefits	\$8,277,338

The assumed rate of return used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was 6%.

NOTE 10 — CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING METHOD:

In 1981, the Legion changed its method of accounting for vacation benefits to conform to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 43. Under the new method, vacation benefits are charged to expense in the year the benefits are earned. Previously, vacation benefits were expensed as paid.

The effect of this change in accounting method was to reduce the unappropriated balance at January 1, 1981 by \$254,928 and to decrease the excess of revenue over expenses by \$11,013 in 1981 and \$106,223 in 1980 (applied retroactively).

Analysis of Unappropriated Revenue And Expenses by Function Year Ended December 31, 1981

	Notional	Internal	Ger External
	National Officers, Commissions And Committees	Internal Programs (primarily Indianapolis)	Activities (primarily Washington, D.C.)
ENUE:			
National dues			
Sales of Emblem items			
Advertising revenue			
Investment income			
Amounts withdrawn from			
American Legion Life			
Insurance Trust Fund			
Other income	,		
ENSES:			
Salaries	\$ 172,146	\$ 530,376	\$ 565,229
Employee benefits	39,351	117,543	129,010
Cost of Emblem items sold			
Direct publications expenses			
Executive and staff travel	254,033	109,025	57,080
Commission and committee	861,804		00.040
Operational	3,789	705,825	83,248
Office	3,978	120,755	131,563
Occupancy		72,393	432
Special projects and programs	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	577,650	101,225
	\$1,335,101	\$2,233,567	\$1,067,787

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

The major affiliated organization of The American Legion is the American Legion Auxiliary, nearly a million members strong, which was authorized by action of the Legion's First Annual National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1919.

It is the firm opinion of The American Legion there is no more loyal, cooperative and supportive auxiliary to be found anywhere in the spectrum of service, than that exemplified by the relationship between the Legion and its Auxiliary.

The American Legion Auxiliary is made up of wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of American veterans of honorable service in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and who are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

The philosophy, principles and policies of The American Legion and Auxiliary are parallel, and each is dedicated to service to God and country. Individual programs initiated by one or the other of the two organizations may differ from time to time, one such example being the Displaced Homemaker Program this year.

Through the Displaced Homemaker Program, scholar-

ships were made available to the five-year member who found herself suddenly alone as the result of divorce, desertion, death or disability of her husband. Such assistance made it possible for the member to brush up on her latent skills or develop new ones that will meet the demands of the 1980's. For sixty years, the Auxiliary has cared for others. We have now reached a point when the Auxiliary can and will care about their own members, too.

For the first time, the Auxiliary joined forces with The American Legion in their Foreign Relations program; however, our effort was in the way of humanitarian support. The National President selected the Eluwa School for the deaf, blind and handicapped in South West Africa/Namibia as the focal point for our project this year.

Legislative efforts by the American Legion Auxiliary, on behalf of programs which The American Legion believes are needed by America's veteran population, were aggressive and effective, just as its work in the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service program in each of the 172 VA Medical Centers to which Auxiliary members devote countless hours of time each year.

This program also is a part of the Auxiliary's Memorial Day Poppy program, which serves both the hospitalized veteran and others. The poppies are made by hospitalized

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Self-Supporting Functions

Administ	ration	Total General	Emblem	Publications	Total All
Indianapolis	Washington, D.C.	Functions	Division	Division	Functions
		\$4,609,242		\$3,950,607	\$ 8,559,849
			\$4,290,124	2 701 904	4,290,124
		1,226,791		2,791,804	2,791,804 1,226,791
		625,543			625,543
		317,866	2,416	192,106	512,388
	_	6,779,442	4,292,540	6,934,517	18,006,499
\$1,144,696	\$320,748	2,733,195	345,376	477,046	3,555,617
259,994	72,977	618,875	79,315	109,153	807,343
			2,589,772		2,589,772
22.052	14 404	450 475	10.067	5,973,583	5,973,583
23,853 6,979	14,484	458,475 868,783	19,867	4,775	483,117 868,783
136,670	17,600	947,132	235,559	166,089	1,348,780
220,775	98,530	575,601	223,393	126,103	925,097
(241,776)	116,491	(52,460)	193,567	517,600	658,707
25,142	17,145	721,162	·		721,162
\$1,576,333	\$657,975	6,870,763	3,686,849	7,374,349	17,931,961
	-	\$(91,321)	\$ 605,691	\$(439,832)	\$ 74,538

veterans, providing a therapeutic rehabilitation project. In addition, they are paid for their efforts, which also helps take care of some of their personal needs while they are hospitalized.

Proceeds from the poppy program are then returned to The American Legion and the Auxiliary and provide the funding for the organizations' Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Children and Youth programs.

The National President this year is Mrs. John J. Roethel (Romaine) of Novi, Michigan, who also had served two terms as mayor of her city prior to her election as National Vice President, then National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Elected at the Auxiliary's Honolulu National Convention in 1981, she will serve to and preside over the 1982 National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, where her successor will be named.

The Eight and Forty is an affiliate of the Auxiliary, making it an affiliate of The American Legion. The principal emphasis of the Eight and Forty for programming is directed to the problems of youth and specifically to the area of assistance to those suffering lung and respiratory disease. A number of nursing scholarships are provided each year to individuals in the nursing profession who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills in this

area of health care. The Eight and Forty also contributes to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation which uses the funds for grants in aid to organizations conducting research and disseminating information on respiratory diseases.



National Auxiliary President Mrs. John J. (Romaine)
Roethel is shown above introducing National Commander
Jack W. Flynt of The American Legion to an assemblage
of Auxiliary members. The ladies were meeting at
Washington, D.C.

Reconciliation of Audited Financial Statements to Internal Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 1981

	Unappropriated	Total Current Fund
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF INCOME OVER		
EXPENSES — INTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:		
Page 1		\$(170,521)
Page 6	\$ 35,352	•
ADD (DEDUCT):		
Audit adjustment to capitalize Washington, D.C.		
building and equipment work expensed in		
internal financials	34,190	34,190
Audit adjustment to capitalize computer		
lease, effective December, 1981, which		
was expensed in internal financials	5,000	5,000
	74,542	(131,331)
Excess of revenue over expenses for certain		
designated and restricted funds not included		
in internal financials — principally The		
Restricted Fund		332,522
Rounding differences	(4)	(1)
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES —		
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS —		
exhibit B, sheet 1 (page 5)	\$ 74,538	\$ 201,190
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AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION

Robert Charles Smith (Louisiana) President

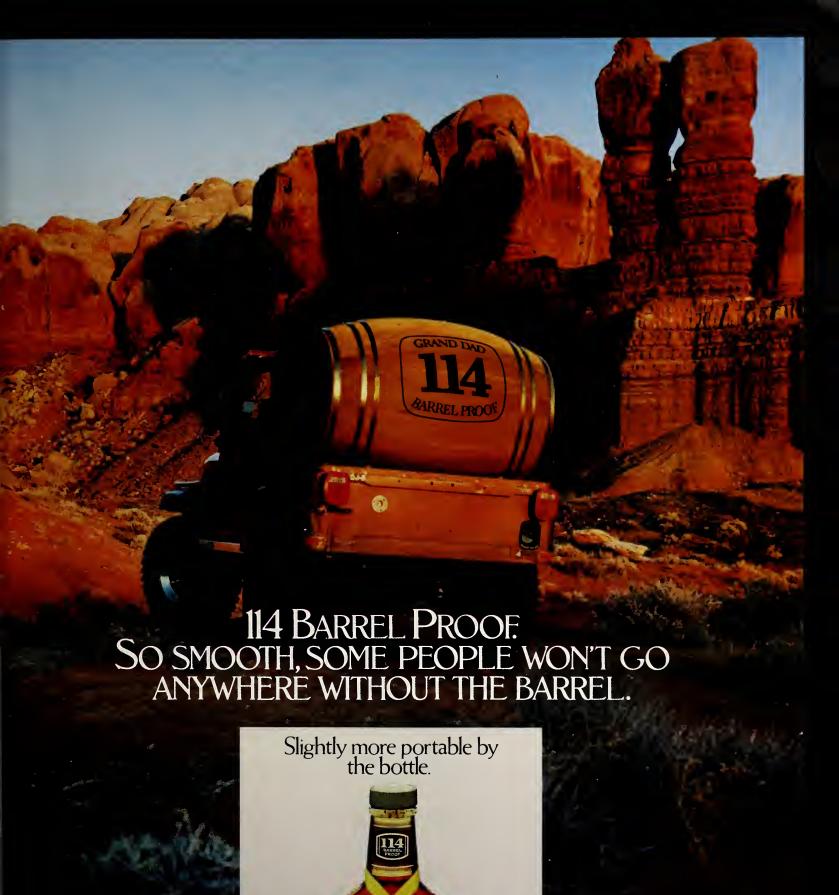
Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 seeking contributions for this purpose. The proceeds from the campaign were entrusted to the custody of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation; a goal of \$5 million having been set and generous contributions having been received.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement between

The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana).

	December 31, 1981	December 31, 1980	December 31, 1979	December 31, 1978	December 31, 1977
Total Assets	\$7,316,357	\$7,294,883	\$7,297,577	\$7,258,445	\$7,159,699
Investments —	• •		• 7		•
at cost	\$7,120,407	\$7,170,044	\$7,205,633	\$7,048,669	\$7,034,954
Interest income Expenses	\$ 629,892 25,712	\$ 605,235 26,866	\$ 577,261 18,232	\$ 560,767 14,841	\$ 485,658 11,256
Excess of income over expense	\$ 604,180	\$ 578,369	\$ 599,029	\$ 545,926	\$ 466,920
Funds transferred to	•		•	,	
The American Legion	\$ 602,850	593,711	\$ 525,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 675,000
Average yield on book value of investments	8.73%	8.67%	8.46%	8.14%	7.96%



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